



The Bazoo

Spring 2022



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Leadership

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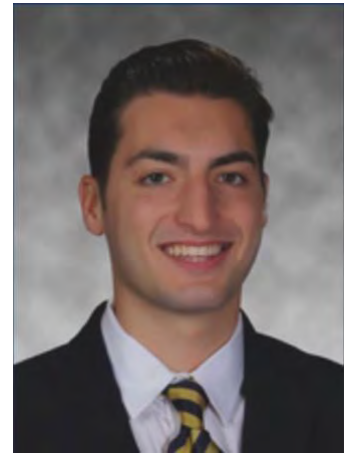
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President's Pen Points

Brothers,

Welcome to the Spring 2022 edition of the Bazoo. This past semester was an extremely important one for the chapter for many reasons. First off, this was first semester since the beginning of Spring 2019 that COVID-19 wasn't the main topic of discussion in the news, around campus, and amongst the brotherhood. Brothers no longer needed to worry about if they would be allowed back on campus and question whether being at Syracuse University was worth it in a COVID-stricken world. But with that came some adjusting. Many of the new brothers had never seen the fraternity operate and perform preCOVID, so we had to re-learn together. With 40-plus seniors set to graduate, many of them wanted to make their last semester on campus a special one that they would remember forever.



The brotherhood grew stronger and tighter this semester in large part due to the fun and inclusive events planned by brotherhood chairs Austin Kornbluth ('22) and Chris Reik ('23), along with Athletic Director Will Giffen ('24). These events included our annual Cry Night, Skyzone, APEX, a Syracuse Mets game, and the continuation of the DU Flag Football League. Additionally, the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Chair was added as a new position to the house. Ismael Anandane was named the first DEI Chair in the house and did amazing work in educating the brotherhood and making 801 a place where everyone can be themselves and feel comfortable. Furthermore, Ismael kicked the semester off with a very productive open forum where the brothers spoke their minds about things happening in the house. This forum was tremendously effective and will be done again in the future.

With the brotherhood being at a strong point and more than a third of the brothers graduating, we knew that recruitment in the spring was crucially important. Thanks to the great work by Recruitment Chair Connor Pignatello ('23) we recruited 21 fantastic men to join our brotherhood who have already shown positive signs for being future leaders in the house by taking various executive board, chair, and committee positions just a few months after being initiated. Marco Tinetto, the Associate Member Educator in spring 2022, deserves major credit and thanks for properly educating the new members and instilling the values, morals, ideals, and pillars that we as a brotherhood are built on.

When Katherine Pezzella, a representative from DU International Headquarters, came to 801 Walnut Avenue for a formal visit and check-in she told my advisor, Ken Hyman ('88) that out of the ten chapters she had visited we were the best. She said we had the strongest brotherhood, were the best-adjusted chapter following COVID, and were structurally sound with good leaders on the Executive Board. And with that, I'd like to thank my outstanding Executive Board. I have been in the house since Spring 2019 and on E-Board for two semesters now, one as Vice President of Loss Prevention (Fall 2021) and this past semester as President (Spring 2022) and this is the strongest and most driven and resilient E-Board I think this house has had. Vice President Brenden Berman ('23) is a Swiss army knife who does everything I ask of him without hesitation (and oftentimes does it before I tell him). Vice President of Loss Prevention Anthony Haak ('24) is someone who

cares so deeply about Delta Upsilon and puts the house first with anything he does. He always has the house's best intentions in mind, is a trusted resource in tough situations, and brothers often flock to him for advice. Both Alex Mendel ('24), Internal Relations, and James Roberts ('24), External Relations, have been super proactive and filled with ideas. Alex developed and implemented a new pre-election structure to help better present the candidates and their ideas to the brotherhood. James helped organize this semester's philanthropy, Delta Drive Thru where we sold hamburgers, hot dogs, and fries and made over \$1600 for "We Rise Above the Streets", a nonprofit that helps the poor population in downtown Syracuse. Housing Manager, Chase Connolly executed his "Go Green" initiative to eliminate waste and Styrofoam use in the house by leasing a dishwasher and shifting the house over to real silverware, plates, and cups. This came with help from the Head of the Housing Corporation Mark Linnan ('85) who has made numerous improvements to the house including new floors in most of the bedrooms, lightning-quick Wi-Fi, an upgraded kitchen, and improved furniture.

I look forward to continuing to lead this chapter to even greater heights while upholding the great legacy and traditions that this house has established in the past. The foundation is set, and I can't wait to see what the future holds.

If you have any questions or would just like to chat, feel free to reach out to me at dslattuc@syr.edu or at (516) 983-0738.

Dikaia,

Douglas Lattuca
Chapter President

Newly Initiated Members

A Message from Recruitment Chair

Delta Upsilon continued its recent success in recruitment with an outstanding spring class, the Mus. Led by recruitment chair Connor Pignatello and recruitment committee members Alex Mendel, Jared Aaronson, Corey Bruno, Ben Harris, Chase Groux, Dom Clinch, Geoffrey Goose, Ian Benepe, Kyle Chi, Luke Purnell, and Zion Henriques, Delta Upsilon secured a 21-person spring class. Although recruitment only lasts for a week, the recruitment committee worked many hours in the months and weeks leading up to the week of recruitment to lay the foundation for an organized and efficient recruitment process. Delta Upsilon received record numbers of interest from potential new members and saw a line out the door for most of the open rounds. With a mix of freshman and sophomores and students from all majors and backgrounds, Delta Upsilon and the recruitment committee are extremely proud of the young men who will serve as the future of the fraternity.

- Connor Pignatello

Meet the Mu's



Top Row: Arren Cuyler, Aiden Zaicek, Jonas Weissberg, Nick Albanese, Nathan Starkey, Ty Sabatini, Leif Vassilofki

Middle Row: Owen Brown, Zev Kalechofky, Cage Lasley, Matt Holmes, Matt Adelman, Tom Montfort

Bottom Row: Maximo Lockhart, Ethan Gunther, Billy Salapow, Robert Munch, Jason Currie, Luke Profacci

Not pictured: Connor Eason and Sylla Diallo

Philanthropy

Delta Drive Thru

On May 4th the Brothers of DU held our Spring Philanthropy event to benefit the Syracuse Branch of *We Rise Above The Streets*. This local nonprofit organization stands to ameliorate the problem of increase financial burden on the homeless population of Syracuse by providing affordable food, clothing, and other necessities. Brother Hugh Medvecky, Internal Philanthropy Chair, was responsible for the organization and execution of the event, which is our first in-person philanthropy event since the outbreak of COVID-19 in 2020.

Keeping in line with *We Rise's* current campaign "If We Eat, They Eat" Delta Upsilon hosted the "Delta Drive Thru." Between the hours of 6 and 9 on May 4th, members of the Syracuse community were encouraged to visit 801 Walnut, our chapter house, to purchase cheeseburgers, hamburgers, hotdogs, and fries. Many Greek houses pledged sums of money to support the cause. The event was a smashing success during which our delegation raised over \$1,600 to be donated to *We Rise Above the Streets*. Brothers Ben Grainger, Brenden Berman, and Chase Connolly volunteered to be chefs, cooking delicious food for our customers.

We are extremely grateful for the houses and individuals who came by to contribute to our philanthropy.





Here we see our talented Chefs Chase Conolly, Ben Grainger, and Brendan Berman.

Brothers Nick Mingione, Andrew Lombardozi, Nathan Starkey, Aidan Zaicek, Robert Munch, and Payne Edelman in their element retrieving orders for our customers.



President Doug Lattuca, external philanthropy chair Geoffrey Goose, and intern philanthropy Hugh Medvecky at the register. They were visited by a delta dog!

Delta Upsilon Bracket Challenge

Our first Philanthropy of the Spring semester was the *Delta Upsilon Bracket Challenge*. We were very happy to see a large number of participants from our alumni and family networks participate in this philanthropic endeavor. Collectively we raised over 60% of our contribution to the Global Service initiative, the national philanthropy for Delta Upsilon. Many of those who submitted a bracket were eliminated after the first round, but Brother Chase Groux was excited to see the Peacocks of St. Peter's (his dad's alma mater) make it so far, as he had them winning all of March Madness. In the end, undergraduate Matt Callan won the Delta Upsilon Bracket Challenge. We congratulate him and the rest of the brotherhood on the success of this philanthropic endeavor.



External Philanthropy

The undergraduate of DU made a concerted effort this semester to attend more philanthropic events hosted by other organizations at Syracuse University. During the Spring semester brothers participated in Greek philanthropies including AEPi Hoops, Kappa x DKE Homerun Derby, and the DKE golf outing; each to benefit their respective causes. We also participated in the Orangeseeds' dodgeball tournament, demonstrating involvement in the greater university community.

Housing Updates

Delta Upsilon at 801 Walnut Ave did a lot to turn over a new (green) leaf on the housing front this year. Such improvements include leasing a commercial dishwasher as well as purchasing ceramic plates, washable plastic cups, and metal utensils. These are now being used in lieu of the 2,000 Styrofoam and plastic products we used weekly, drastically reducing our trash output. In addition, we installed a state-of-the-art WIFI system, with 4 wired connections available in every room of the house and blazing speed. The kitchen at 801 has been newly renovated, and the upgrades include a refrigerated sandwich bar and brand-new commercial fryer as well as the new dishwasher. Housing Manager Chase Conolly rounded out his tenure by adding a picnic table to the front lawn where brother can eat, complete work, and hangout together during good weather.

Looking forward, we have reached a sustainable number of live-ins at the chapter house for the 2022-23 academic year, and anticipate another successful year at 801 Walnut Ave. Summer plans include landscaping to improve the street appeal of the chapter house, bathroom renovations to contribute to the cleanliness, and a revamped dining room. All of these improvements will surely benefit the next generation of live-ins, mostly comprised of the newly initiated Mu class. Those of us who live in are extremely grateful for the improvements that Mark Linnan ('85) aka 'Minty' has been responsible for in the last few months.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

My Name is Ismael Anandane, I am the Diversity Equity and Inclusion chair for Delta Upsilon at Syracuse University. This chair has never been implemented before; with diversity within the chapter increasing, it was essential that we had a represented position that would make this chapter more inclusive. Acceptance can apply to many different topics relating to equality, diversity, inclusion, and accessibility.



Stemming from this, me and my committee planned several forums where we discussed different issues in society, hearing brother's unique perspectives on several topics allowed us to be more comfortable with uncomfortable conversations. At weekly chapter, it was important that I inform the brotherhood what the committee plans to do. In the future, my plan is for brothers to have the opportunity to create a presentation that will allow them to express their identities. This will allow brothers to further develop a relationship with the chapter as a whole. Not only that, but hopefully next semester we will be hosting fun events. It was also a part of my responsibility to make brothers understand the history of this campus and Syracuse area, participating in local charities weekly was a priority that we tried to maintain.

- DEI Chair, Ismael Anandane '22



The DEI committee regularly sends brothers to volunteer with the local branch of We Rise Above the Streets for "Sandwich Saturdays." Pictured to the left are Brothers Austin Kornbluth '22, Kyle Chi '24, Ismael Anandane '22, Marco Tinetto '23, and EJay Ramos '24.

Athletics

In competitive indoor soccer, the boys had an incredible starting lineup of Brendan Berman, Tomas Posada, Matt Koziara, Kyle Chi, Chase Connolly, and Will “Wibnaldo” Sibble, the team was off to a great start by completing the mercy of fc “Analyticos.” “Wibnaldo” had himself a day with 4 goals and Berman held the “Analyticos” to just one goal on 13 shots on target. Substitutions by Chris Riek and Hugh Medvecky helped put the nail in the coffin as we started 1-0. The following 3 games didn’t treat us as well, sending us home without a playoff appearance.

In competitive 5v5 basketball, the boys were well represented with an array of sophomores and junior Tucker Gralewski. In our first game, we defeated team OHFC by a score of 39-27. Sophomore big men Will Giffen (11 points) and Ben Harris (7 points) dominated the glass and the frontcourt to secure the victory. Sixth man, Kyle Chi, provided a spark off the bench with 10 points and multiple assists. Similar to the soccer boys, the next few games did not fare so well. Some conflicts during our time slots caused 5 or 6 man teams that unfortunately were not able to compete with the deeper rosters of our opponents, leading to back to back losses.

Our house flag football league was a smashing success. Week 1 featured standout performances from President Doug Lattuca, who threw 6 touchdowns (3 to Ian Benepe). On the defensive side of the ball, Andrew Hoyt recorded at least 4 sacks and altered many other throws. In the second game, the offensive prower of Anthony Haak and Colin Rigley were too much to handle having recorded multiple long touchdown plays. The boys were excited to get the season underway, yet it was unfortunately cut short due to time constraints. but the games that were played were extremely exciting. A few rising stars in the Mu class will certainly make a splash onto the scene next year.

Regional Leadership Academy

On the weekend of February 12th, members of the Kappa class spent time in Philadelphia at the Regional Leadership Academy. Pictured here, brothers Chase Groux, James Roberts, Dom Clinch, Ben Harris, Alex Mendel, Nick Grande, and Chase Connolly spent two days learning about the recruitment, governance, and brotherhood in Delta Upsilon. They participated in workshops with other DU’s in the Northeast region.

The brothers were exposed to tremendous resources that widened our perspectives regarding maintaining a respectful fraternal organization. As a bonus, several recent graduates were in Philadelphia for the weekend and were more than happy to spend a short evening with the undergraduates. RLA is a fantastic opportunity for underclassmen brothers looking for executive positions in the house the coming terms.



Dikaia Scholar

The Dikaia Foundation awarded more than \$25,000 of scholarship funds to the Delta Upsilon undergraduate brothers on February 26th, 2022. The ceremony held on the same day was attended by all the undergraduate brothers, the members of foundation, and was open for virtual attendance for family. “We have an outstanding group of young men in our chapter who consistently demonstrate DU’s founding principles: promotion of friendship, development of character, diffusion of liberal culture and advancement of justice,” said Kevin Stein (’83), president of Dikaia Foundation. “We are delighted to honor these 44 men in our undergraduate chapter and appreciate the continuing support of our alumni.”



The Dikaia Scholar Award was presented to Miles Isgrig for the outstanding nature of his undergraduate achievements and hard work assembling the ceremony. Miles is a junior from Manhattan Beach, California majoring in Television Radio and Film and minoring in Business Administration. Isgrig had this to say when asked about the honor; “Taking up the role of Dikaia Scholar was an honor and a powerful learning experience. This opportunity allowed me to improve and hone my organizational skills, in tandem with being a rewarding experience being able to help the brotherhood gain financial reward for their internal and educational efforts. I highly encourage any fellow DU brother to take up this role as its beneficial for their own growth, and also the future of the chapter itself!”

Many of these scholarships honor extremely impactful alumni of Delta Upsilon Syracuse and the recognition of being awarded one is not lost of the undergraduates. All the undergraduates are encouraged to apply for this amazing opportunity to subsidize many of the costs that come along with being a student at Syracuse University. We are extremely grateful to the Dikaia Foundation, their board of trustees, and donors for their generosity during the 2021-22 campaign.

Please visit www.dikaia.org for more information on The Dikaia Foundation and for donation options including credit card, Zelle, and personal check.

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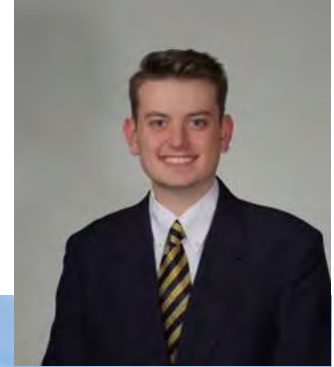
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Aidan Wisher ‘21

Brother Spotlight

Graduate - Reid Wight

For our brother spotlight, Reid Wight was the clearest choice. His contributions to the Syracuse chapter of Delta Upsilon and the University are numerous and exemplary. Throughout his undergraduate career Reid led by example. He held the positions of academic excellence chair and EVP of Internal Relations and participated in the social committee. As IR Reid oversaw much of the ongoings within the house including overseeing the Iota and Kappa rush seasons, solidifying the role of DU as the fraternity with the highest GPA on campus, and maintaining the sanctity of the brotherhood as we adapted to the restrictions of COVID-19. When asked about the time he spent with Delta Upsilon, Reid had this to say:



“I’ve always wanted to go to Syracuse, but something was definitely missing my first year. I was very close to transferring but decided to come back sophomore year and had friends in the house who asked me to come around. I fell in love with the place and the people; every conversation was different, but it felt like each brother was genuinely interested in me. That sense of genuineness is what separates DU from every other house on campus, and I felt that holistically after joining the house. My brothers, both active and alumni, genuinely want to support me and help me succeed, whether it be in school, in my career, after a bad day, I could always count on someone to help. It motivated me to be that person for others, so I can confidently say I’m leaving Syracuse as the best version of myself. Joining DU was easily the best decision I made in college, and it’s the genuine support gained from my experience in the house that gives me the utmost confidence in myself and my future.” - Reid Wight



Reid graduated this Spring as a dual major in finance and advertising within the schools of Whitman and Newhouse, with a degree emphasis on financial/investor communications. During previous summers he interned with M&T Bank and is now moving to New York City to work as a client service associate at UBS Financial Services. He intends to pursue a long-term career in wealth management but hopes to retire early to coach high school basketball.

Reid is the kind person who you know will always have your back and he is everything you could ever ask for in a brother. We grant him congratulations on his success as an undergraduate and wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

In Conclusion

This Spring, it has been my privilege as EVP of External Relations to document and share our growth with our incredible network of supporters from family and alumni to the greater Syracuse community. This Semester has been one of tremendous growth for the Syracuse Chapter of Delta Upsilon.

It is with great sorrow that we say goodbye to our graduating seniors. They have contributed so much to his house over their tenure as undergraduates, and they will be sorely missed. We look forward to the future with hope, anticipation, and plans to build upon what they have left us and transfer Delta Upsilon to our successors in a better condition that it was transferred onto us.

On behalf of all our active brothers, thank you to the Chapter Advisory Board, Housing Corporation, and Dikaia Foundation for all their help and guidance throughout this semester. Finally, thank you to the Executive Board and all the Spring chairmen for the hard work they put into making this house as great as well all know it can be. Our future is as bright as ever and I cannot wait to share it with you in the next installation of the Bazoo, coming in the fall of 2022.

For more information regarding the Delta Upsilon Syracuse Chapter and ways to get involved visit our website at <http://www.dusyracuse.com>.

Dikaia,

James Roberts
EVP of External Relations

