



THE BAZOO

Delta Upsilon at Syracuse University • Spring 2024

DIKAIA FOUNDATION - SUPPORTING OUR UNDERGRADUATES

Dikaia Holds Annual Awards Event

This fall, Dikaia Foundation will celebrate the 72nd anniversary of its founding by Syracuse DU alumni. On November 19, 1952, a seasonally mild Wednesday with the outdoor temperature troughing at 11 degrees, **Pete Dwyer '32** presided over the inaugural Dikaia board meeting at the Onondaga Hotel, located at the corner of South Warren and East Jefferson Street in downtown Syracuse.

From its start, Dikaia's mission has been to aid, encourage, promote, and contribute to the education and general well-being of members of Delta Upsilon Fraternity at Syracuse University. Today, Dikaia's 16-member volunteer board of trustees consists of DUSU alumni from the '70, '80, '90, and post-2016 recolonization vintages.

Every December, undergraduates of the chapter apply for merit- and need-based scholarships, with recipients announced and awards distributed the following February. Dikaia has nine scholarships named after notable alumni from 1926 to 1985, including the M. Harold "Pete" Dwyer Scholarship awarded for outstanding academic and personal achievement.

Each year, the chapter Executive Board selects an undergraduate brother to represent Dikaia on campus and support the application and awards process. For the 2023-24 academic year, **Cole Weintraub '25**, a dual Newhouse/Falk student, became our fifth Dikaia Scholar. We were thrilled to host our annual Dikaia awards event at the Syracuse University Life Sciences Complex on February 24, 2024, awarding over \$30,000 to 34 highly deserving members of the chapter and for leadership education travel.

Presenters at this year's event included **Larry Cantor '84**, **Peter Gaines '79**, **Rick Holland '83**, **Ken Hyman '88**, **Kevin Stein '83**, and **Oz Street '80**. Also in attendance were **Brian Burns '85**, **Mark Linnan '85**, and **Peter Maescher '90** as well as Hope Barry, spouse of **Rick Barry '85**, to witness the new award named in his honor.



Thank you to all alumni and parents who generously contribute annually to Dikaia. Donations support undergraduate brothers with financial aid, scholarships, and incentive awards.

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721 Comstock, our new house, for now.



DIKAIA BY THE NUMBERS

1952

YEAR
DIKAIA WAS
FOUNDED

9

ALUMNI-
NAMED
SCHOLARSHIPS

16

DIKAIA
BOARD
MEMBERS

MORE THAN

\$200,000

DIKAIA AWARDS TO
DUSU BROTHERS SINCE
2016 RECOLONIZATION

Like Brother, Like Son

THE LATTUCA FAMILY PROVES DU IS FOR LIFE

Syracuse is an incredible school, and for **Marcello Lattuca '90**, Delta Upsilon made it even better. He made lifelong friends with his brothers as they learned to work and play hard, enjoying intramural sports and parties like the Reggae Bash, all while making sure everyone had a safe and fun time.

"Losing the chapter after we graduated was sad, and for a number of years I sort of lost touch with the campus," Cello recalled. That changed in a big way when his son, **Doug '23**, joined the newly colonized Syracuse Chapter.

"I didn't want to join the fraternity just because of my dad, and I was a little hesitant about Greek life," Doug said. Not many of Doug's fellow broadcasting majors were in fraternities due to the time commitment, but on the final night of recruitment, he had a change of heart at Delta Upsilon. "The chapter was actively communicating their anti-hazing values, and they were just nice, genuine people. Everyone really wanted to get to know me."

Once Doug announced his choice to his father, Cello was thrilled to call his fellow alumni and say, "Can you believe it? *He's always been my son, and now he's also my brother!*"

UNIQUE PATHS TO LEADERSHIP

Although Cello never lived in the house and thus couldn't hold formal leadership roles, he found his niche in the chapter's intramural sports, leading the softball team to four championships. Doug (whose time living in-house was delayed by COVID) started his leadership path as VP of external relations, running the chapter's online March Madness pool for charity.

After that, Doug became VP of loss prevention (risk management), and worked closely with the Executive Board on major decisions and important programming. His brothers encouraged him to run for president, and Doug proudly served for two semesters. "It was stressful, but fun and rewarding, to serve all the guys in the house."

"I would get texts from alumni saying what a great job Doug is doing and how much it means to the fraternity to have someone as invested as him," Cello added. It was special and humbling to see his son lead the chapter that he has loved all his life.

When Doug joined DUSU, the chapter was still finding its footing. "People tell me today that the brotherhood in spring/fall 2022 was likely the strongest since recolonization. That said, I continue to be impressed with the achievements and close relationships of the guys who have joined since then."

CONTINUING OUR STORY

Doug has attended the Chapter Advisory Board (CAB) meetings since graduating, and soon he'll be a board member as well! One of the CAB's big priorities is encouraging alumni to visit the chapter more regularly. "The undergraduates really enjoy getting to meet them and hear their stories, and I think the alumni love it too," Doug said. (Cello and his cohorts certainly do!)

Both father and son are amazed at DU's renewed success story at Syracuse and know their fellow alumni will like what they see as well. They also strongly believe the chapter will



truly thrive once we have secured a permanent house once again.

Twenty years from now, Doug hopes to see Delta Upsilon remain a top fraternity on the SU campus, filled with quality men who really care about one another.

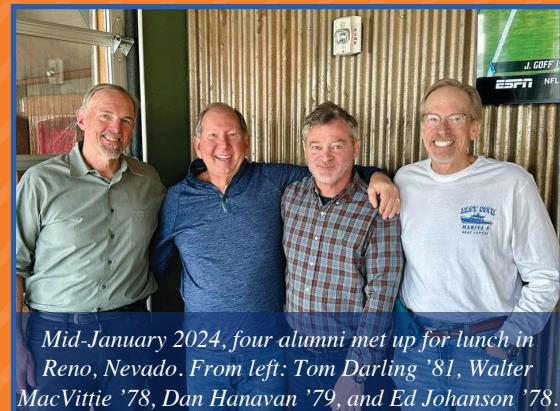
"The fraternity was so strong in my college years because of the alumni who came before me, and it's impressive to see a new generation building it back to that level," Cello added. "Life is full of ups and downs; having brothers there to support and celebrate with you is what's really important."

You can reach Marcello at celito68@hotmail.com and Doug at douglaslattuca@gmail.com.

Alumni News

Ed Johanson '78, Walt MacVittie '78, and Tom Evancie (not a Delta Upsilon but close to several brothers) have been best friends for over 45 years and have shared a cabin together on Lake Tahoe (Carnelian Bay) for over 40 years. The fact that they have all remained close friends is a true testament to their experiences at DU as well as the SU men's rowing team. (Tom was captain of the '78 National Championship men's team and has been Ed's business partner for over 35 years.) We have all surprisingly come up with names of various DUs and stories like it was yesterday. Lots of fun."

—**Tom Darling '81**



AN INCREDIBLE DU YEAR

Recognizing the Brothers
Who Serve Our Chapter

This semester, and the entire academic year, has been a journey marked by our collective dedication to the growth and success of our fraternity. As we reflect on our journey, we're filled with gratitude for the opportunities Delta Upsilon has provided us. We have had an incredibly successful semester, and I cannot wait to see what we will continue to accomplish.

COMMUNITY

Our fraternity has actively collaborated with We Rise Above the Streets for many charity events, demonstrating our commitment to serving our community. Additionally, we've volunteered at the local food bank weekly, providing assistance to families in need throughout Syracuse. Furthermore, we have organized two impactful philanthropy events in partnership with sororities. Our fraternity takes great pride in our extensive engagement with both the city of Syracuse and the broader University community, and we look forward to continuing our efforts to make a positive difference.

WINNING

I would like to recognize a few of our leaders. Our success is largely owed to Executive Vice President **William Burger '26**, whose unwavering commitment has played a pivotal role in steering us toward achieving our shared objectives, making him an invaluable asset to our team.

Vice President of Risk Management **Jack Lucas '26**, deserves recognition for his proactive leadership style. Jack's friendly demeanor, responsibility, and personable nature have significantly contributed to minimizing challenges within our chapter this semester.

Our Vice Presidents of Internal and External Relations, **Collin Smith '25** and **Cole Weintraub '25** respectively, have played pivotal roles in fostering interest in leadership positions and philanthropic endeavors within our

fraternity. Collin has done an exceptional job with recruitment, as he has worked closely with the Exec Board and many of the chair positions to accomplish great things within and outside the chapter. Cole has done an unbelievable job with the Dikaia Awards, March Madness charity fundraiser, and our new alumni newsletters.

Vice President of Finance **Adam Neufeld '26** has been vital in keeping our chapter's finances in good shape.

RECRUITMENT EFFORTS

Recruitment Chairman **William Broad '26** spearheaded the recruitment of 25 outstanding individuals to our new Pi class. These men have already begun to embody the values of brotherhood at Delta Upsilon. As we wrap up the semester, our chapter consists of 110 members.

SERVING SYRACUSE CHAPTER

Our commitment to Syracuse University extends beyond our fraternity, and **Ethan Gunther '24**, our spring 2024 associate member educator, embodies this dedication. His tireless efforts have left a profound mark on our chapter, fostering growth and strengthening our brotherhood.

Secretary **Ben Catlin '26** has skillfully managed our administrative operations through precision and dedication.

Brotherhood Chairmen **Matt Adelman '24** and **Nick Albanese '25** have been fostering stronger bonds among us.

Social Chairmen **James Barker '26** and **Matt Holmes '25** have played a key role in arranging enjoyable social events. Their efforts have brought our fraternity closer together, creating a fun and inclusive atmosphere for all members.

Under the guidance of Special Events Chairman **Ben Harris '24**, we revisited Toronto for our



Pass off from Ethan Gunther '24 to Zach Weiss '26, representing of the change from 801 to 721.

formal destination. The trip was more than just a getaway; it was a celebration of our brotherhood.

HOUSING

We are thrilled to announce our relocation to 721 Comstock, a move made possible by the past Executive Board's exceptional efforts. This new space will soon be home to 40 of our brothers, a testament to the outstanding work of **James Moore '26**, our vice president of housing, who has worked tirelessly to enhance our living space, collaborating with DUSU Housing Corporation President **Mark Linnan '85** to implement a great living situation for our new home.

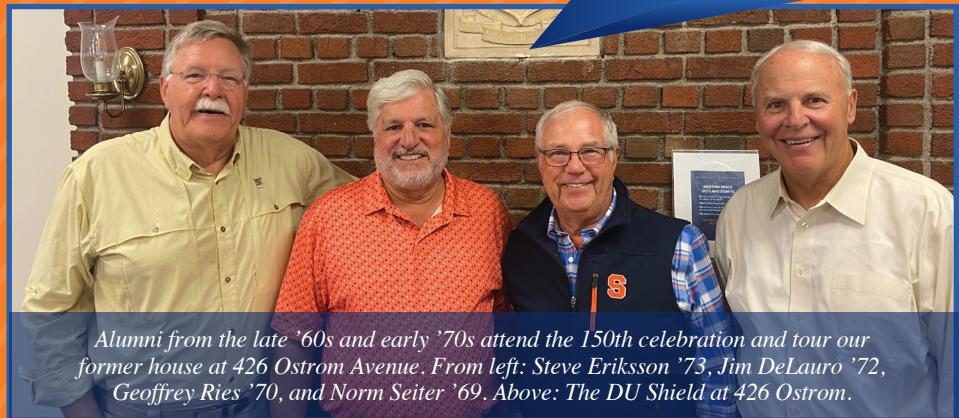
SIGNING OFF

Looking ahead, I am filled with optimism for the future of our fraternity. The dedication and leadership displayed by our brothers have laid a strong foundation upon which we will continue to build and thrive on. Together, we will honor the traditions of those who came before us while forging new paths toward greatness.

Dikaia,
Zach Weiss '26
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DUs from the '80s and '90s
skiing together in Vermont.



Alumni from the late '60s and early '70s attend the 150th celebration and tour our former house at 426 Ostrom Avenue. From left: Steve Eriksson '73, Jim DeLauro '72, Geoffrey Ries '70, and Norm Seiter '69. Above: The DU Shield at 426 Ostrom.



SAVE THE DATE

Annual Fall Reunion and Housewarming Party!

Come join your brothers as we celebrate our move to 721 Comstock. Friday golf outing and welcome reception, Saturday Alumni Chapter meeting, SU/Georgia Tech tailgate and football game, BBQ, and more.

Get your rooms booked now:
tinyurl.com/DUSUhotelblock

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for more details.



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Welcome, New Brothers!

Henry Busch Metuchen, N.J.

"I noticed there were lots of the same-old, cookie-cutter frat houses and guys. With DU, I immediately noticed something different. I could tell the guys were special and began to see myself with them for the next four years."

Greg Carlton Cincinnati, Ohio

Jacob Charnow Woodcliff Lake, N.J.

Riley Crawford Pittsfield, Mass.

Ness Damania Glen Ellyn, Ill.

Stephen DiBlasi Syracuse, N.Y.

Roman Espindola Clovis, Calif.

"I was having the best conversations with brothers, and I believed I found a place I could call home for the next four years and beyond."

Oakes Fegley Colorado Springs, Colo.

Gavin Forte Rye, N.Y.

Will Fritz Wayzata, Minn.

Eric Gutin Montclair, N.J.

Emmanouil Orestis Kalogirou Athens, Greece

Nate Kerr Easthampton, Mass.

Jack Levine Needham, Mass.

Lorenzo Martelli New Rochelle, N.Y.

Trevor Miller North Reading, Mass.

Jacob Nelson Seattle, Wash.

Max Orendorf Kennebunk, Maine

Kyle Sedgwick Port Washington, N.Y.

Jackson Simon Montclair, N.J.

Jake Thompson Red Bank, N.J.

Neil Verma Chicago, Ill.

Jackson Vingelen Nashville, Tenn.

"Going through recruitment I felt that every single brother cared and had close connections but also cared about me. It felt great when they would come up to me and already knew who I was before ever speaking with some of them. It is a genuine bond you couldn't find at any other house."

Keller Waldron Buffalo, N.Y.

Lincoln Wilson Hopkinton, N.H.