

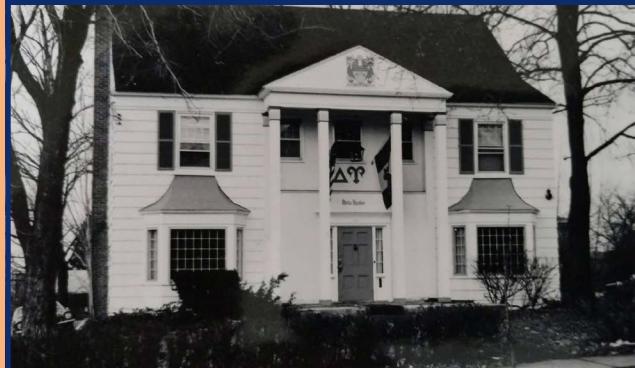


THE BAZOO

Delta Upsilon at Syracuse University • Spring 2025



426 Ostrom Ave.



744 Comstock Ave.



711 Comstock Ave.



801 Walnut Ave.

A Permanent Home for a Lifetime Brotherhood

SYRACUSE CHAPTER ANNOUNCES \$1.25 MILLION CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

As an undergraduate, where was the center of your DU experience? Was it 426 Ostrom Ave., 744 Comstock Ave., 711 Comstock Ave., or more recently, 801 Walnut Ave. or 721 Comstock Ave.?

All of those addresses were DU Chapter Houses over the past 150 years – the physical structures where thousands of friendships were forged, great memories created, and valuable life and leadership skills learned.

Today on campus, however, the DU chapter house is only a temporary arrangement. We're renting the SigEp house at 721 Comstock, with a lease that will expire just two years from now. At that point, we **must** be in a position to solidify DU's presence on campus. Renting is a risk, and we surrender control of our chapter's presence on campus if we don't **act now** to raise the capital to purchase a permanent home for generations of undergraduate brothers to come.

To achieve house ownership and have a place to call our own at SU, we're proud to announce the *Pledge DU ... Again!* capital campaign. Your financial pledge to this campaign will allow us to buy when the right house comes on the market, and secure supplemental financing from a bank, if necessary.

To fuel the *Pledge DU ... Again!* campaign with the necessary momentum, we've already secured financial pledges of \$814,000 from early supporters (whose names appear on page 2) toward our \$1.25 million goal. Their dedication to the future of our fraternity has given us a great start, and we believe that when **all** DUSU alumni come together, we can achieve anything.

In the coming weeks, you'll receive additional information on this exciting project, the campaign, and ways in which you can join our growing list of loyal alumni donors. Here's to taking the steps now to secure the next 150 years of Delta Upsilon at Syracuse University!

Fraternally,
Rick Holland '83
Campaign Chairman

P.S.

I consider my support for this campaign as a way to give something back to DU, in recognition of all that the fraternity has given to me. But I also think of it as an investment in the **outstanding** young men in DU at SU today – our chapter continues to earn its place as one of the top fraternities on campus, as well as among all DU chapters throughout North America.



PLEDGE DU ... AGAIN!

Thank You, Early Donors

WILL YOU JOIN YOUR BROTHERS ON THIS LIST?

We extend our immense gratitude to the individuals listed below whose generosity has propelled the launch of the *Pledge DU ... Again!* campaign. Your early contributions are the cornerstone of our ambitious goal, setting a powerful precedent for success, and your commitment to our shared values exemplifies the true spirit of brotherhood. We are profoundly grateful for your role in laying the foundation for a vibrant and enduring future.

If you are looking for the opportunity to add your name to our growing list of donors, please scan this QR code or visit dusu.causevox.com. You'll also be receiving additional communications about this historic campaign via mail and email within the next few weeks.



Donors of \$2,500 or more will be recognized in appropriate giving categories in all campaign publications unless otherwise requested. Pledges of \$5,000 or more will be displayed on a permanent donor plaque at the house.

CAMPAIGN STATUS AT A GLANCE

As of May 22, 2025

Goal: \$1.25 million

Total Raised: \$814,000

Chairman's Circle

(\$100,000 and above)

Mike Whalen '87

David M. Nass '91

William A. Mulroy '83

John T. Fitzpatrick '85

Michael Miller '89

Sean M. Giancola '90

Gerard Maione '90

Edward Castagna '90

Keith Grout '90

Gary S. Cohen '93

Jonny Daniel '94

Bill Lerner '94

Alan Schanzer '90

Michael B. Slovin '90

David M. Sugrue '90

Howard G. Sweetwood '91

Ken Berlin '92

Lew Segall '93

David Plotkin '94

Abdulaziz Al-Sulaiti '19

Dikaia Upotheke

(\$50,000 to \$99,999)

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Larry Richmond '90

The Old Gold

(\$10,000 to \$24,999)

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Doug MacGregor '79

Dave Fish '80

Jon Levy '82

Jim McKay '82

Bob Sack '82

Steven Hochberg '83

Rick Holland '83

Kevin Stein '83

W. Mark Linnan '85

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(\$5,000 to \$9,999)

Lawrence R. Cantor '84

Andrew F. Schirmer '84

Woody Wodchis '84

Brian D. Burns '85

Kenneth A. Hyman '88

Oliver Lay '88

Mike Silverman '88

Paul Simon '88

Christopher Calabrese '89

Greg DelMonte '90

Justice Society

(\$2,500 to \$4,999)

Daniel J. Gacetta Jr. '88

Bob Vrooman '89

Warren S. Wolf '89

Michael B. Altman '90

Eric Tecosky '91



PLEDGE DU ... AGAIN!

ALUMNI UPDATE

Lloyd W. Swift Jr. '54 retired from forest hydrology research to focus on community activities. He serves on the Eagle Scout Review Board, coordinates the intercommunity swim team, and chairs the campground committee of Cradle of Forestry, to name a few. Lloyd lives in Franklin, N.C. Email: lswift@dnet.net

Larry Isaacson '55 is 90 years old and lives at Meadowcrest, a senior living facility in Middletown, Del. Email: lisacson62@gmail.com

James F. Myers '58 lives at The Terraces of Los Gatos, a continuing care facility. Email: gailjimm@sbcglobal.net

Richard H. Knight '61 is the co-founder of a local photography club, which he helped rebuild

from four to 80 members. He resides in Saint Simons Island, Ga. Email: rhkssi@comcast.net

Davis H. Burbank '69 is retired and lives with his wife and cat in Fernandina Beach on Amelia Island, Fla. He enjoys the beach, golfing, fishing, and traveling to Japan to visit his wife's family.

William J. During III '69 retired this summer from teaching Adult Ed ESL. He is recruiting for SU football and resides in Fairfield, Conn. Email: bduring1@yahoo.com

Dennis W. Thorn '71 still practices law in Chicago. "I invite any of my brothers visiting Chicago to reach out." Email: thornlaw@aol.com

William "Dujay" Dodge '78 became a grandfather in 2009 and moved from New York to Virginia in 2010. He became widowed in 2015 and retired in 2017. William keeps busy with various activities around the house and day trips throughout Virginia. He recently reconnected with his best friend, **Chuck Lynch '80**. William resides in Newport News, Va. Email: wpapadodge@yahoo.com

Bob P. Sack '82 retired in 2019 and volunteers locally and at Boston hospitals teaching martial arts. He resides in Chelmsford, Mass. Email: oldtymeno7@gmail.com

Thomas Park '23 lives in Fort Lee, N.J., and is one year into his job as a data analyst. Email: tpark05@syr.edu

A UNIQUE BROTHERHOOD

Why Dave Nass '91 Pledged Delta Upsilon Again (Literally!)

The title of our capital campaign, *Pledge DU ... Again!*, is a meaningful one to **Dave Nass '91**. He considers himself lucky, as he is one of the few brothers who successfully pledged twice!

"If I didn't make the decision to de-pledge my freshman year, I couldn't have returned to SU due to poor grades," Dave explained. "I worked hard to at least stabilize a freefall and pledged again the fall of my sophomore year. That taught me to never give up, to try and overcome obstacles, and to learn from my mistakes. When DU welcomed me back, the brothers saw something in me that I probably didn't see in myself at the time."

WHY IT'S WORTH IT

Dave's first pledge class was with **Shawn McCarthy '91**, a good friend from his South Campus dorm. Both felt welcomed at Delta Upsilon despite their different backgrounds, underscoring the fraternity's commitment to a diverse brotherhood. Some of Dave's best memories come from spending time with (both) his pledge classes, attending Sunday dinners, and simply living in the chapter house.

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"I am not sure what college life would have been like without DU, but I am confident I wouldn't be the person I am today without it." That's why Dave joined the campaign both as a donor and a volunteer. "When any DU visits campus and sees the DU letters on our new house, we know that we have a home and our brothers welcome us back. I want that for our brothers for tomorrow as well. **If you feel the same, please pay it forward.**"

BROTHERS SUPPORT BROTHERS

The epidemic of mental health issues is an important topic to Dave, and he knows fraternities like Delta Upsilon can have a positive effect on personal well-being. "Unfortunately, we have lost brothers to mental health struggles; we don't want to lose any more."



Dave is proud of the Syracuse Chapter for creating a Wellness Scholar position, which promotes open conversations about mental health, provides access to resources and support, and encourages a culture of balance and self-care. The chapter also has full access to Counsrl, an app that discreetly connects your smartphone to licensed therapists; alumni have access as well. "I want to personally thank the Dikai Foundation, **Kevin Stein '83, Mark Linnan '85, Ken Hyman '88**, and **Rick Holland '83** for supporting our brothers with this initiative. Please call, email, or text if you are interested in learning more or you know of a brother that would benefit from this service."

DU offers many more resources in its mission to build better men (such as leadership development, career networking, and alumni mentorship), and Dave hopes those opportunities continue as brothers build lifetime friendships. "We have a unique and thriving alumni network that provides valuable mentorship, career guidance, and financial support. I'd love to see more alumni involvement, both during this campaign and in the chapter's future success."

Dave lives in Brooklyn, New York, where the tri-state brotherhood connections are still strong. "DU is about supporting one another in the good times and the more challenging times—it's for life!"

To connect with Dave and discuss any of these topics, you can reach him at david.nass@gmail.com or (917) 617-3455.

WHAT ARE YOUR FAVORITE DU MEMORIES?

THEODORE L. WRIGHT '60

"Having my Austin-Healey car put into the living room at 426 Ostrom Avenue. A few of you might remember that. Good clean fun."

GEOFFREY K. RIES '70

"Attending football games and concerts in block seating with DU brothers and dates. Watching Jeopardy! in the house with 20-plus brothers every day after lunch."

IN MEMORIAM

Lee B. Sundsted '53 | February 26, 2024

Curtis I. Hill '54 | March 9, 2023

Gerald A. Caplan '55 | June 26, 2024

Peter F. Bayer '60 | December 16, 2023

James O. Marshall '65 | May 7, 2024

Dr. Kenneth J. Backman '68 | July 13, 2024

Steven A. Moore '68 | August 22, 2023

Ronald J. Gordon '77 | February 20, 2023

Robert M. Coran '90 | January 26, 2025

Presidential Points • Functioning as a Team

This semester has been a testament to the strength, resilience, and dedication of our fraternity. As we look back on our achievements, we recognize the collective effort that has propelled us forward. Delta Upsilon continues to thrive, and I am excited for what lies ahead as we build upon this momentum.



The chapter rehearses for V-DAY, the charity concert. Despite being in the middle of February, this event was run outside with a tent, including a full stage and production. This was one of our most successful philanthropy events, and we look forward to improving on it.

Our biggest change has been led by **Jackson Simon '27**, who recruited 30 stellar guys in the Sigma (i.e. spring of 2025) pledge class. This was a very competitive recruitment, and Jackson's diligence and innovation brought this remarkable group of studs into the house. **James Moore '26** will be the guide for these associate members on their path to brotherhood.

Bouncing off that, Housing Manager **Nate Kerr '27** worked closely with **Mark "Minty" Linnan '85** to make 721 Comstock Avenue a home. Recent additions feature a pool table, a foosball table, and a massive conference room table that has seen frequent use as a study table.

Greg Carlton '27 and **Gavin Forte '27** spent much of their winter break on the Chapter Excellence Plan. Greg worked on it from Ohio, while Gavin was submitting documents from vacation in Africa! True dedication from both of them. **Matt Jerchower '26** skillfully managed our finances, ensuring our chapter's sustainability and enabling us to host impactful events.

VP of Risk Management **Jacob Nelson '27** has been the man to go to whenever something comes up. His composure, positive outlook, and friendly demeanor have made him perfect in his role. He works closely with **Riley Crawford '27** to ensure our brotherhood is moving forward. Riley deserves his thanks, too, since he's been working hard to provide better dining options for the guys. Thanks, Riley!

Outside of the house, the chapter has been extremely active. VP of External Relations **Darren Murphy '27** collaborated with Social Chairmen **Jobe Hause '26**, **Blaze Jones '27**, and **Keller Waldren '27** as well as Philanthropy Chairman **Ellis Cowan '27** to successfully run V-DAY,

a charity concert to raise money for the Children's Heart Foundation, which sponsors research for congenital heart diseases. This event went great with Red Bull sponsoring and over 1,400 people attending.

The brothers are making a concerted effort to step up in the Greek community by participating in other houses' philanthropies. For example, this spring we participated in the Hendricks Cup challenge, an inter-Greek food drive competition, which our brothers took very seriously. Speaking of stepping up, big congratulations to **Zach Weiss '26** for securing a spot on the Interfraternity Council as the 2025-26 vice president!

As we close out this semester, I am filled with gratitude for the incredible strides we have made together. The leadership, camaraderie, and dedication shown by our brothers have solidified our place as one of the strongest fraternities on campus. Looking ahead, I am confident that Delta Upsilon will continue to build on this success, fostering an even stronger brotherhood and leaving a lasting impact on Syracuse University.

Fraternally,
Ness Damania '27
 Chapter President
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Over the weekend of February 21, brothers (from left) Riley Crawford '27, Lincoln Wilson '27, Neil Verma '26, and Darren Murphy '27 attended the Regional Leadership Academy in Chicago. These guys had a blast representing Syracuse and working with staff from DU International Headquarters and undergraduates from other chapters through workshops and focus sessions to create plans to be better brothers and a better chapter!

Welcome, New Brothers!

Jack Amiot | Baltimore, Md.
 Davis Bauer | Alexandria, Va.
 Ike Busch | Metuchen, N.J.
 Santiago Carrera | Madrid, Spain
 Harry Cooper | Manhattan, N.Y.
 Kyle Defty | Bethesda, Md.
 Rufus Gleeson | Portland, Ore.
 Noah Graff | London, England
 Oliver Green | Brooklyn, N.Y.
 Chase Hermann | Seattle, Wash.
 Justin Hirschberg | Rochester, N.Y.
 Reid Johnson | Savannah, Ga.
 Charlie Kalvar | Baltimore, Md.
 Eamon Langdon | Buffalo, N.Y.
 Aidan Linnington | Ridgewood, N.J.

Danny Loughlin | Bethesda, Md.
 Daniel Lu | Madrid, Spain
 Owen Matteini | Baltimore, Md.
 Trey McCauliffe | East Greenwich, R.I.
 Seth Megnin | Denver, Colo.
 Tristan Pace | Chicago, Ill.
 Trevor Parkins | Manhattan, N.Y.
 James Phenneger | Centre Valley, Pa.
 Alex Price | Annapolis, Md.
 Sohan Salian | Rocky Hill, Conn.
 Trevor Schmidt | Manhasset, N.Y.
 Meyer Shane | Chevy Chase, Md.
 Tristan Simpson | Millburn, N.J.
 Adriano Tinetto | Geneva, Switzerland
 Reid Torrey | Toronto, Ontario



Brothers enjoy a beautiful autumn day outside of the chapter house, playing games and throwing the football around.



Making s'mores around the campfire. From left: Lincoln Wilson '27, Eric Gutin '27, Riley Crawford '27, Keller Waldron '27, Lucah Benitez '27, Andrew Adajar '27, Greg Carlton '27, James Barker '26, Oakes Fegley '27, Will Fritz '27, Orestis Kalogirou '28, Bryan Lua '27, and Jackson Vingelen '27.

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Chapter Goals 2025



Make 721 Comstock Avenue an incredible temporary home.



Foster a culture of leadership by providing opportunities to lead and grow.



Expand our involvement in the Syracuse community.

DU By the Numbers

Undergraduate Brotherhood membership as of 4/30/25:

119

Brotherhood G.P.A. as of 12/31/24:

3.34

All Greek Male G.P.A.: 3.26

All University Male G.P.A.: 3.26

PLEDGE DU... AGAIN!

Special Campaign Announcement Inside!

We are proud to announce the *Pledge DU ... Again!* capital campaign to secure a permanent home for Syracuse Chapter that reflects our commitment to Building Better Men and ensures we remain competitive and successful in the future.

See page 1 for more details!



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MORE UNDERGRADUATE NEWS INSIDE!



Brothers enjoy their time abroad in Florence, Italy. From left: Jack Lucas '26, Andrew Daley '26, Zach Weiss '26, Jackson Bernard '26, Alex "Carpatron" Carpenter '26, Adam Neufeld '26, and Nathan Daniels '26.



Over winter break, Darren Murphy '27 climbed the tallest mountain in the Western Hemisphere: Aconcagua in Argentina. Going unguided, Darren and his partner successfully summited the 22,838-foot mountain on December 29, 10 days after starting.

Annual Alumni Reunion Weekend – Save the Date! October 3-5, 2025

We're already getting excited for our annual alumni reunion weekend! Be sure to save the date and make hotel reservations now, before everything books up. We hope to see you there!

Friday, October 3, 2025 | 721 Comstock
6 p.m. to 11 p.m.
Welcome reception

Saturday, October 4, 2025 | 721 Comstock
10 a.m. to noon
Dikaia Annual Meeting (open to all)

Afternoon
Watch party for the SU vs. SMU game (at SMU). Depending on the time of game and weather, we'll have additional outdoor games and events.

6 p.m. to 11 p.m.
Alumni/undergraduate barbecue

Sunday, October 5, 2025 | Collegian Hotel
9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Farewell Brunch