



# THE BAZOO

Delta Upsilon at Syracuse University • Spring 2026

## A Defining Moment for Syracuse DU

..... **Our Goal Is Within Reach** .....

### Syracuse DU is approaching a pivotal moment.

Our lease at 721 Comstock ends in May 2027. At the same time, other fraternities are returning to university-owned housing: the era of renting is ending. If DU is going to protect its continuity and remain competitive, ownership of a house is our next step. That is why we launched the *Pledge DU...Again!* campaign.

**We are closing in on the \$1 million mark, a milestone that will demonstrate serious alumni conviction and give us credibility when the right property becomes available.** Seventy-eight alumni have already stepped forward, committing more than \$930,000 toward our \$1.25 million goal.

And the investment case is strong because the chapter itself is strong!

- Undergraduate leadership is evolving in ways that promote durability.
- Officers are stepping into roles earlier in their college careers, which contributes to longer tenures and more effective succession planning.
- Even with six brothers preparing to study abroad, engagement remains high.
- There is a visible cultural shift toward sustained involvement rather than checking out after holding office.

This momentum is real. Undergraduates see alumni engaged. They see partnership. They see belief in the future of Syracuse DU.

Our priority is clear: identify and secure the right property. At our recent virtual alumni meeting, we shared campaign updates and outlined next steps in the property search. During the meeting we also shared that our lease will be up in May 2027. **We must secure the proper funding in order to purchase a property this year** and get it ready for our members to move in for the 2027-28 school year.

**Progress is happening, and the remaining gap to \$1.25 million is achievable if all brothers join us as much as they can.** If you have not yet participated, this is the moment. Add your name to the list of alumni building the next chapter of Syracuse DU. Pledges can be fulfilled over five years, and leadership donors of \$5,000 or more will be permanently recognized in the future home.

This is our opportunity to secure stability and growth for decades to come. Let's ensure the next generation of brothers has a home worthy of the legacy we were given.

Fraternally,  
**Rick Holland '83**  
Campaign Chairman

### PLEDGE DU ... AGAIN!

Scan the QR code or visit [dusu.causevox.com](https://dusu.causevox.com) to make your commitment today.



## DIKAIA FOUNDATION ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP CEREMONY



Dave Nass '91 awarded Darren Murphy '27 with a Housing Scholar Award.



Dikaia Foundation President Kevin Stein '83 presented Albert Stauderman Jr. Awards to Greg Carlton '27, Jacob Charnow '26, and Neil Sagare '26.



Ken Hyman '88 awarded Chapter President Jack Amiot '28 with the Ray Ranellucci Emerging Leader Scholarship. Not pictured is Tristan Pace '28, who also received a Ranellucci Scholarship.

# Climbing Toward the Goal

## THANK YOU TO OUR LOYAL DONORS

**W**e extend our unwavering gratitude to the 78 brothers who have contributed over \$930,000 toward *Pledge DU...Again!* Their generosity fuels the momentum for a stronger, more vibrant future for Syracuse Chapter. If your name is not yet on this list, **we humbly ask you to join now.** A successful campaign will take all of us.

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

*If an error has been made in recording your gift, or your name has been mistakenly omitted or listed improperly, we sincerely apologize. Please advise our campaign coordinator at (785) 843-1661 so that we may make a correction. Thank you for your support!*



### CAMPAIGN STATUS AT A GLANCE

As of March 19, 2026

Goal: **\$1.25 million**

Total Raised: **\$931,073**

#### Chairman's Circle (\$100,000 and above)

Mike Whalen '87  
David M. Nass '91

#### Dikaia Upotheke (\$50,000 to \$99,999)

Scott W. Voorhees '82  
Bill French '85  
Larry Richmond '90

#### The Cornerstone (\$25,000 to \$49,999)

Oz Street '80  
Thomas W. Darling '81  
Howard M. Sashin '81  
Denis A. Robitaille '82  
Greg Larson '83  
William A. Mulroy '83  
John T. Fitzpatrick '85  
Michael Miller '89

Sean M. Giancola '90  
Gerard A. Maione '90

#### The Old Gold (\$10,000 to \$24,999)

Larry Schlegel '67  
Dan Hanavan '79  
Doug MacGregor '79  
David Fish '80  
Jon Levy '82  
Jim McKay '82  
Bob Sack '82  
Steven Hochberg '83  
Rick Holland '83  
Kevin Stein '83  
Brian Cleary '84  
W. Mark Linnan '85  
Edward Castagna '90  
Keith Grout '90  
Gary S. Cohen '93

Jonny Daniel '94  
Bill Lerner '94

#### Sapphire Blue (\$5,000 to \$9,999)

James DeLauro '72  
In memory of  
John Leader '72 and  
Whit Thompson '73  
Bill Strickland '81  
Michael Barkann '82  
Mark DeSalvia '82  
Lawrence R. Cantor '84  
Andrew F. Schirmer '84  
Woody Wodchis '84  
Brian D. Burns '85  
Kenneth A. Hyman '88  
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John H. O'Brien '88  
Mike Silverman '88  
Paul S. Simon '88

Christopher J. Calabrese '89  
Greg DelMonte '90  
Alan Schanzer '90  
Michael B. Slovin '90  
David M. Sugrue '90  
Howard G. Sweetwood '91  
Ken Berlin '92  
Constantine Dino Barbounis '93  
Lew Segall '93  
David R. Plotkin '94  
S. Tucker Anderson '97  
Abdulaziz Al-Sulaiti '19

#### Justice Society (\$2,500 to \$4,999)

Daniel J. Gacetta Jr. '88  
Paul Johnson '88  
Bob Vrooman '89  
Warren S. Wolf '89  
Michael B. Altman '90  
Eric M. Tecosky '91



**PLEDGE DU ... AGAIN!**

## Chapter Officers

Chapter President  
**Jack Amiot '28**

Chapter Vice President  
**Tristan Pace '28**

Vice President of Risk Prevention  
**Davis Bauer '28**

Vice President of Member Education  
**Chase Herrman '28**

Vice President of External Relations  
**Keller Waldron '27**

Vice President of Finance  
**Reid Johnson '28**

Vice President of Recruitment  
**James Barker '26**  
jmbarker@syr.edu

Vice President of Housing  
**Aidan Tamol '27**

Vice President of Administration  
**Charlie Bieler '28**

Associate Member Educator  
**Daniel Bachara '26**

## CHAPTER GOALS FOR 2026

- Continue expanding philanthropy efforts and strengthen our partnership with the Thirst Project.
- Increase academic performance across the chapter and grow the number of brothers recognized on the dean's list.
- Strengthen alumni engagement and expand opportunities for mentorship between alumni and undergraduate members.

# FROM DU TO CEO

## How the Brotherhood Shaped Sean Giancola '90

What sense of pride do you have as a member of Delta Upsilon? For **Sean Giancola '90**, it's the wonderful lifelong community filled with people to count on and celebrate life with. That community even extends to his family. With his wife and son close to many of his fraternity brothers, Sean feels fortunate that they are also part of the DU family.

As an undergraduate, Sean didn't realize what he was learning in the fraternity until years later. "I probably wouldn't be where I am today if it wasn't for DU and the foundation I was able to build during my years at Syracuse."

From relationship building to developing leadership and communication skills, Sean's future career success was due in part to those formative years in DU. The fraternity network also played a role. **Craig Roth '86** hired Sean for one of his first jobs out of college. "I'm forever indebted to him for allowing me to break into the media business. Along the way, there are other brothers like **Keith Kaplan '91** and **Alan Schanzer '90** who've been supportive of my business and my professional career."

Sean has worked in publishing for more than 30 years at large organizations such as Time Inc., American Express, and AOL. "The biggest highlight for me was taking over as CEO of the *New York Post* and having great success turning it into a very profitable business in the portfolio of businesses in the News Corp umbrella."

Being the CEO and publisher of the *New York Post* has been nothing short of amazing for Sean. "I wake up every day, and sometimes I'm humbled by the position I have—not so much from its size and scale but for its influence and its brand."

Working with an amazing team, Sean has fun as they continue to lead and grow in the news business, which can be challenging in today's world.



### Why Sean Has Pledged DU Again

*"My motivation is to give back to DU something that can help build a lasting legacy for future generations of students and brothers. I want them to have the wonderful, life-changing experience I was fortunate to have during my time at Syracuse—an experience that still has a big impact on my life and the lives of my family today."*

He is especially proud of his team for recently launching the *California Post*.

When Sean first got into media, there were no internship programs and not many mentors. Today, he gives back to Syracuse and DU by helping students and recent graduates pursue a career in publishing and media. In addition to internship programs and mentorship opportunities he offers to Syracuse Chapter brothers, he is proud to offer an internship program with the Newhouse School, taking on around 15 students every semester. During the summer, he also opens the program to other schools, welcoming about 40 students.

Another one of Sean's favorite ways to stay connected to DU is through golf. He and his brothers enjoy a golf trip once or twice a year. Sean also attends in-person or Zoom Syracuse Chapter events when he can.

In his free time, Sean and his family enjoy birding, which has taken them around the world from Ecuador and Costa Rica to Hawaii and Peru. Connect with Sean at [sgiancola@nypost.com](mailto:sgiancola@nypost.com).

## KEEPING PACE

### Updates from the New President

Delta Upsilon at Syracuse has continued to build a strong culture centered around leadership, service, and brotherhood. Our 111 brothers are actively involved across campus and committed to making a positive impact within the broader community.

More than 25% of our brothers were named to the dean's list this year, reflecting the chapter's continued commitment to scholastic achievement alongside involvement in extracurricular activities and leadership roles.

In the fall, we hosted our annual Mud Tug philanthropy event, raising funds for the Thirst Project, an organization dedicated to providing access to clean drinking water in developing communities. As a direct result of these efforts, **James Wildhack '27** and **Fel Edmunds '28** will be traveling to Eswatini, South Africa, to help build a well and contribute directly to the organization's mission. Their work represents the chapter's commitment to hands-on service and global impact.



*President Jack Amiot '28 (right) and past president Ness Damania '27 on vacation in the fall.*

DU brothers also demonstrate leadership throughout the community. Senior **Zach Weiss '26** currently serves as president of the IFC. Additionally, Chapter Vice President **Tristan Pace '28** founded and now serves as commissioner of the Greek Basketball Association at Syracuse, creating a new competitive league that has strengthened fraternal connections.

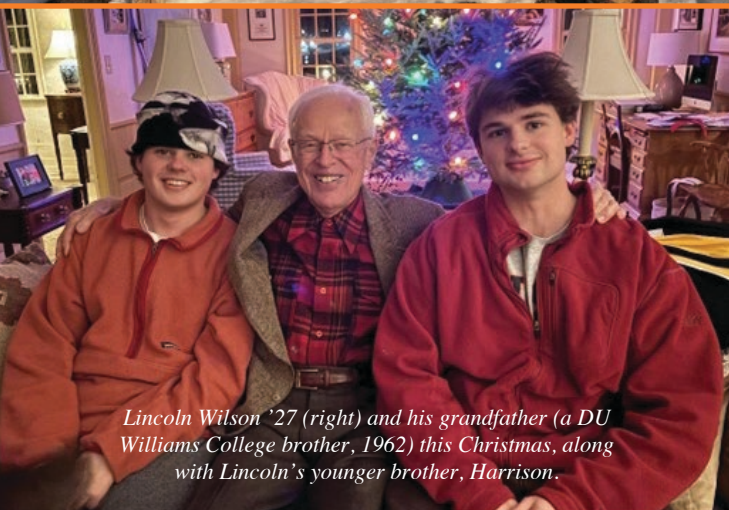
Spring recruitment was another success, with 26 new associate members, thanks in large part to the efforts of **James Barker '26**. This group has already shown strong enthusiasm for leadership, service, and campus involvement, and we are excited to see the impact they will have.

Looking ahead, Delta Upsilon at Syracuse remains focused on building a stronger, more engaged brotherhood while consistently upholding our values.

Fraternally,  
**Jack Amiot '28**  
Chapter President

Darren Murphy '27 summits  
Mount Kilimanjaro on March 14, 2026.

**OUR CAMPAIGN IS ALSO  
CLIMBING HIGH—READ  
MORE INSIDE.**



*Lincoln Wilson '27 (right) and his grandfather (a DU Williams College brother, 1962) this Christmas, along with Lincoln's younger brother, Harrison.*



*Jack Mauer '28 skiing in the neighbors' front yard this winter.*



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## Alumni News

**Howard E. Wickham '52** lives in Rockville, Md., and still plays golf, weather permitting.

**James J. Curley Sr. '56** is enjoying retirement in Bowie, Md., which is not far from theaters and concerts in D.C. He also sees lots of wildlife where he lives, including beavers, deer, and many birds. Email: [curleysenior@aol.com](mailto:curleysenior@aol.com)

**Dennis W. Thorn '71** is still practicing law in Chicago, Ill., and is happy to touch base with any brothers passing through the area. Email: [thornlaw@aol.com](mailto:thornlaw@aol.com)

**Craig E. Barber '71** is living a wonderful retirement life in The Villages, Fla. He sees many brothers from 1968-72 on a regular basis; they frequently gather for dinner, golf, and pickleball. "Still the best friends ever!" Email: [craigebarber@gmail.com](mailto:craigebarber@gmail.com)

**Doug MacGregor '79** is a cartoonist who has donated many original sports and political cartoons to the Syracuse University Library to be archived. His political cartoons span 1980 to 2016,

covering administrations from Jimmy Carter to Donald Trump. Some of Doug's early cartoons appeared in *The Daily Orange*. Doug lives in Fort Myers, Fla. Email: [mactoons@comcast.net](mailto:mactoons@comcast.net)

**Jeff Gold '79** lives in Ocean, N.J., and keeps busy in retirement as a volunteer EMT. He also serves as the human portion of a canine therapy team. Email: [jpgold90@gmail.com](mailto:jpgold90@gmail.com)

**Vinny DiPaola '18** is in his third year of teaching at Yonkers Middle High School, where he was named a junior varsity coach this past year. He has also enjoyed serving on the DUSU alumni board since graduating! Vinny lives in Yonkers, N.Y. Email: [vincent16ny@me.com](mailto:vincent16ny@me.com)

**Aaron L. Swartz '22** recently took a new job as college counselor at a private school in Milwaukee, Wis. "Happy to connect with any brothers who may have sons going through the college admissions process and are looking for guidance/advice!" Email: [aaronswartz32@gmail.com](mailto:aaronswartz32@gmail.com)