



The OPEN VISOR

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Classes 1972-78 will Escape to 117 Ash

On Friday July 20, DUs who graduated from 1972-78 will have a reunion banquet. And it will be a big one! As of April 1 (no fooling), 40 DUs and guests have registered, 20 more have it on their calendar and have shown great interest to join in the fun. We expect 75+ to attend given early responses. Following the reunion banquet, brothers and guests will see the renovation at 117 Ash and join the Escape activities Saturday and Sunday.

Last summer 2017, brothers graduating from 1965-71 had the first Delta Upsilon class reunion. It was a great success. Brothers who had not visited the house, some for 50 years, returned to reunite and celebrate their brotherhood. They rekindled relationships and vowed to return again. See Bryan Kinnaman's reflections on last year's event in a separate article in this issue.

Don't feel left out if you are not a 70's graduate. All DUs are invited. And we encourage wives to attend to meet the brothers from their husband's formative years at ISU. To register, look for an email invitation and click on the registration link included. If you have questions, or you missed the registration email, contact John Carson '73 at carsonjohnh@gmail.com.

5TH ANNUAL Escape to 117 Ash

Enjoy a weekend of
DU brotherhood, July 21 and 22.

*Look for an email registration or
ask your class contact for details.*





What do you think about your Delta Upsilon Experience?

As time passes and we progress there are many things that have impacted what we are today. We have all followed paths that we perhaps had not specifically planned and the future for each has been unclear, certainly presented challenges that we each faced, provided opportunities that were unexpected and at this point has led us to where we are today.

I find it is an interesting time to reflect on the things that are important, things that have impacted our lives, defined the journeys we have pursued and in the end, the men that we have become.

Personally, I can say that my Delta Upsilon experience at Iowa State is one of the most influential experiences in my life. It provided me the opportunity to develop the skills and experiences that would be required to compete, provided a level of self-confidence that is essential for success and gave me the appreciation for humility and skills to listen to others as we interact in our personal and professional relationships.

I have had the privilege to become re-engaged with DU at Iowa State through the efforts of Jami Larson, John Carson, Craig Foss and other brothers who have provided the leadership and ongoing guidance to have the ISU chapter re-instated in 2013 and have continued to support the chapter development. We are all extremely proud of the accomplishments and recognition of the ISU chapter as one of the leading chapters in DU International. They have been recognized and sweepstakes finalists in each of the past three years at the leadership conference.

My engagement has been as a class representative and communication facilitator for classes of 1968 to 1970. In this position I am also serving on the Colonades Board. In this process we have been able to significantly improve the quality of our contact information with approximately 65% of these classes having verified e-mails, phone numbers and home address information. Unfortunately, there are still too many brothers that we are not in contact with. Currently, Kevin Guanin '15, working with the Colonades and all class representatives is establishing a master data base linked to "Member Planet" an organizational software that will support Chapter organization and future activities.

This engagement and communication led to Class(s) Reunion in July of 2017 which was coordinated with the Escape to 117 Ash events on the same weekend. The event in 2017 focused on the classes of 1965 to 1971, Mike Bowman and Craig Foss were also responsible for communications with their classes and in planning the Reunion.

The 2018 Class(s) Reunion, is featuring the classes of 1972 to 1978 and plans are well underway to make this an even better experience. Building on last year's success, we want to encourage brothers that were not able to participate last year to join the activities planned for this year.

We would like to encourage you to think about your brothers that it would be great to connect with again. Certainly, for me there are many brothers that I had lost contact with. Until I became involved with organizing the Class(s) Reunion, and engaged in trying to solidify our contact information, was it that I was reminded of how important these relationships really are and the fact that we will not have many opportunities to renew these connections as the cycle of life moves on.

Personally, I have re-established many connections, and have had the opportunity to build on this experience, have had several face to face connections as a result of working on the Class(s) reunion and Escape to 117 Ash events. It is also rewarding to include our wives and families in this process and relating to the significance of our Delta Upsilon Experience.

We used the Reunion last year the re-connect with my pledge sons David Lindgren '69" and Dan Carne "70". Not only did we have a great reunion we have maintained a significant level of contact going forward and have been able to connect by phone, e-mail, at the holidays and in person. Really a nice experience and strong reminder of what the DU relationship has meant to us.

Recently we have had the opportunity to make connection in Tucson, AZ and spent a great afternoon with Steve and Judy Herzog, Stan and Linda Caldwell, Carl and Valerie Rausch.

The best successes are the result of brothers reaching out to brothers. Think of your brothers that that you had special connections with and that you would really like to connect with. It is important that "You" take a lead, contact, re-connect communications, and make plans that will facilitate your valued reunions.

Our Chapter continues to grow and have great success. Please think about joining this event to re-connect and to support the success of the ISU Chapter.

Bryan Kinnaman '69

Colonnades Board Members for 2018-2019



Our Iowa State chapter of Delta Upsilon is thriving. Much of the credit goes to the Colonnades Board members who have worked tirelessly to support the chapter and reconnect alumni. We have announced the new board members for the next two years. Please give them support in their assignments.

We have nine board members that have graduated since our re-chartering in 2013. Most of these young alumni act as advisors for the chapter leadership. They have the personal contacts and knowledge to be a great value to our officers at 117 Ash. Thank you to these brothers in their new roles.

Class contacts are the key to alumni engagement. Brian Kinnaman '69 exemplifies these alumni. His article in this issue illustrates how many alumni have renewed their contact with DU and with brothers from their era. Please drop them an email to thank them for their commitment.

Thank you to brothers, Steve Koch '77, Glen Smith '79 and Mike Espeset '91 who have finished their terms on the board. And we mourn board member Steve Schoger '74 who passed away March 5th.

Fraternally,

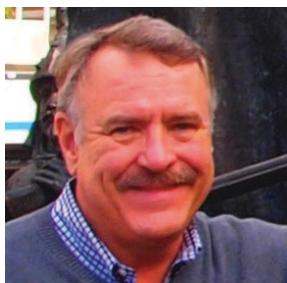
Colin Finn '05
President, Colonnades

Colonnades Board

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* New board members

Supporting Delta Upsilon at Iowa State



Our mission to build a stronger alumni and undergraduate chapter of Delta Upsilon requires many resources. Alumni volunteers are critical. In this Open Visor issue we identify 30 brothers who serve as class contacts, officers and advisors on the Colonnades Board. Other alumni volunteer as speakers, mentors and help with events. Join me to thank them. Consider joining their ranks.

Money is required too. Many alumni donated to the Centennial Campaign in 2013-14 to restore 117 Ash. We invite you to visit and see the improvements. And many alumni donate annually to the Colonnades Club and its programs serving undergrads and alumni. The envelope enclosed in this issue is your invitation to join the Colonnades Club 2018. You can also donate through our on-line website. (<https://www.memberplanet.com/campaign/iastatedu/colonnadesclub2018>)

The website explains the programs we fund and lists donors in this year's campaign. We had 90 loyal donors in the 2017 campaign.

Our ISU chapter and Delta Upsilon International in Indianapolis work closely together to "build better men" at 117 Ash. We have several avenues to donate to the chapter or to DU International.

WAYS YOU CAN HELP

- **Colonnades Club 2018.** We fund:
Undergraduate scholarship and leadership training.
Alumni events and communication (like this Open Visor).
- **Delta Upsilon Education Foundation.** DUEF offers a tax deduction for more substantial gifts. This Iowa State Chapter Educational Account (CEA) supports our chapters educational needs.
- **The Chapter Legacy Plan (CLP)** is an endowment for perpetual scholarships to DU educational programs.

Our Colonnades Club accepts payments to both "The Colonnades Club" and "DUEF". DUEF donations are forwarded to DU International with the donor's name. We withdraw those funds as needed for each training event. Donations to the CLP start at \$5000 and receive special handling and recognition.

Every dollar donated ends up building our Iowa State Chapter and our home at 117 Ash. Every hour volunteered on the Colonnades board or a chapter activity is deeply appreciated. We encourage you to support Delta Upsilon at Iowa State in any way you can.

John Carson
Vice President, Colonnades

A Look Inside Presidents Academy and GSI

Chapter President Alex Hauser joined DU presidents from all over North America the first weekend in January at the DU Presidents Academy. Alex and the other Big 12 presidents worked collaboratively to identify their vision for the future of their chapters. As a capstone for the experience, Presidents shaped a Leadership Identity. They created their own personal leadership model to define how they will take what they learned and apply it as a leader within their chapter. Then, they worked with staff and facilitators to identify tactics for applying their personal leadership to address areas of need within their chapters. Finally, Presidents reconnected with the Ritual of the Fraternity by breaking down the Oath of Initiation and committing to each other by joining together to recite the Oath.



Three ISU DU brothers joined 30 other men this January at the Global Service Initiative in Negril, Jamaica. This is a record number of ISU men to attend one GSI trip. Year over year, the trip continues to grow giving more and more men the opportunity to explore a new culture, put our Delta Upsilon values into action and build connections that will last a lifetime.

The men spent the week working at Higher Heights Academy where they worked as a team building an addition to the school, finishing a playground and fencing in the school ground.

Letter from the President

It is my great pleasure to report that the Iowa State chapter is having another excellent semester this spring.

Immediately following our winter break, we transitioned from the old Executive board to our newly elected Executive board. The 9 new members took on their roles and have been diligently working to further the work that previous group has started. Shortly after transitioning between the Executive councils, 16 of our men traveled down to Kansas City Missouri for the Great Plains Regional Leadership Academy. Our 9 Executive board members and 7 young emerging leaders participated in sessions to help prepare us to be effective leaders in both our chapter and our community.

We are very proud of our members that are getting involved on campus, outside of our chapter as well. We currently have 3 members that are serving on our University's IFC council (Adam Schroeder, President, Joe Featherling, VP Philanthropy, And Joe Verschoor, VP Recruitment) which is more than any other chapter on campus. There are also 3 current brothers in leadership roles with Trend Magazine (Reed Barron, Editor in Chief, Max Dugan, Director of Photography, and James Enowmbitang, Director of Fashion), and we have one member on the Executive team for the Student Union Board (Drew Girres, Director of Marketing). As a chapter we look to uphold our values not just within ourselves, but extend those same values beyond us to our community as well.

As a chapter our largest goal outside of Iowa State is to finally win the Sweepstakes trophy. We have taken major steps towards that goal and one of the latest ways we have began to grow our leadership capabilities is through the Executive Board Alumni Advisers. Last year's Iowa State "Young Alum of the Year" Kevin Guinan, has gathered a group of alumni who serve as personal advisers to each of the 9 Executive Board positions. This is a great way that our leaders can gain second opinions and further insight into the challenges they face with their positions as well as their difficulties balancing their roles and schoolwork.

With all of the hard work that our members have put into our chapter here at Iowa State, we are excited to see it pay off both at the University, and hopefully a sweepstakes victory at Leadership Institute this summer.

Dikaia,

Alex Hauser '20

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Spring 2018 Pledge Class

Michael Fritz, Jacob Glaister, Jonathan Kruse, Dillon Lein, Nick Ruffolo, Bryan Krych, Lee Hanus, Wesley Anderson, Zach Schwake, Nate Nebel, Mitch Mueller, Jason Park, Rudolph Schoenecker, Graham Owen, Dalton Niemeyer, Danny Blalock, Zach Stanek, Chris Jenkins, Adam Perkins

Spring Initiation January 17, 2018

As an Associate Member, I was ready and excited to become fully initiated and be a part of a magnificent group that was going to build me into a better man. Looking back on I-Week it will be one of the most memorial times in my Delta Upsilon experience. During I-Week I became closer with my pledge class and we really grew to become brothers. The conversations about life and where everyone wants to go, to conversations about Greek life today and how we can be the model chapter in these trying times. We shared tears and laughs that will always be in my memory forever. On the morning of the 17th, we went down to the basement to start ritual one of Initiation. The President, Member Educator and, Ritual chair spoke to us about what we were committing our life to and how we must live by the values of Delta Upsilon. As I signed the roll book and I looked back at the DUs that came before me, I felt a huge sense of pride about what I was about to commit my life to and I have never been prouder than in that moment. As we finished ritual one, we walked over to the Memorial Union on the Campus of Iowa State University to perform ritual two of initiation. As we walked into the Hall hearing everyone singing "Ode to Delta Upsilon" I was ready to officially become a brother. As the initiation went on, we were blessed to hear the charge given by a past President, Matt Gunkelman. Matt talked about the road ahead of us in college and life. He told us about his DU experience and how it shaped him into the man he is today. He told us to engage in a conversation with everyone we meet, this will help shape us as men. The advice that I will always take with me is when he told us to take every leadership opportunity that will make us grow as a person. This will give us skills that you can't get anywhere else. As we shook the President's hand as we were initiated I thought about the road ahead and I couldn't be more excited for my Delta Upsilon experience ahead of me with my brothers.

Celebrating our DU Brothers who have passed

Since we started the process of re-energizing our Iowa State Chapter of Delta Upsilon almost ten years ago, we can't remember losing so many DU brothers in such a relatively short period of time. These DU men not only shaped the lives of their fraternity brothers, but made significant contributions to the world through their careers, their families, and through their friendships and interests. We haven't printed the full obituaries for any of them, but we hope that you will "google" each of them to learn more about their remarkable lives that were shaped by their DU experience while living at 117 Ash Avenue in Ames, Iowa.

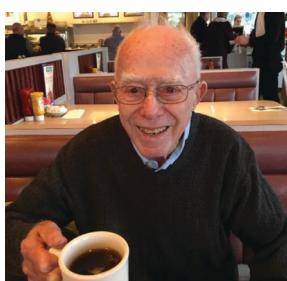


Steve Schoger '74

Steve passed after a long battle with melanoma March 5. Late last year he found cancer had spread to his pituitary gland. Surgery in early January and follow up radiation treatments had given him hope. Steve called on February 2 to share that he planned to go home about Feb 9. He wanted to update his brothers on his progress. That was our last contact.

Steve's wife Jody (ISU '74) passed away in the fall of 2016 after her long battle with cancer. Steve's 96 year-old father Bob, passed away in Sioux City hours after Steve left us. Brother Schoger was a staunch supporter of DU. He was an early contributor to the 117 Ash Centennial Campaign, and served the last five years on the Colonnades Board. He was an avid biker, racing competitively. Please note pictures below of Steve in recent years biking and traveling with brothers.

Steve has a brick in the Memorial Courtyard and we will celebrate him this summer at Escape to 117 Ash. Steve was a financial planner in the last years of his career. Part of his personal plan was to remember DU in his will. We will always remember brother Schoger for his engaging smile, endless enthusiasm for life and commitment to Delta Upsilon brotherhood.



Robert "Bob" Wilde '48

Bob passed away April 16, 2017 on the very day that he had enjoyed a cup of coffee and did a little shopping with family. He was 93 year of age when he passed. Born in Ames in 1923, he was a high school drummer, a war vet, and a civil engineering major at ISU. He spent his life in the concrete industry, serving as an executive leader of the American Concrete Institute. He was also the publisher of the industry's magazine.

Bob and his wife Mary spent most of their adult life in the Birmingham, Michigan. The Wilde's loved to travel, enjoyed jazz music, collected art, and spent wonderful times with their two daughters and grandchildren. Daughter Cathy was a Theta at Iowa State during the late 1970's, and she has provided the Iowa State Chapter with a box of DU memorabilia that her dad had saved from his college days.

Bob was one of those "Greatest Generation" DUs who served in World War II prior to coming to Iowa State. He was 25 years old when he served as President of Delta Upsilon, and his maturity and wisdom was evident in the five-page typed address that he delivered to the incoming DU pledge class during the Fall of 1948.



Bob Cowen '53

Dick Frink '51 has let us know that his DU pledge son Robert "Bob" Cowen '53 has passed away.

Brother Frink sent along a copy of picture that hangs on his study wall of the DU championship intramural football team from his

college days. Dick indicated that he and Bob (both Californians throughout their post-DU years) would meet annually to renew their friendship and recall their college days at 117 Ash Avenue.

Brother Cowen died August 9, 2017 in Hayward, California. After graduating from Iowa State, he enlisted in the Air Force, where he piloted hospital transport planes. He later worked as an engineer with Pacific Bell for 25 years. According to family and friends, as a true DU man, he traveled the world and was a tireless community volunteer, making friends everywhere he went.

MORE DUs WHO HAVE RECENTLY LEFT US

The Iowa State DU brothers listed below have passed away in the past 24 months, and have not been mentioned in our previous Open Visors during that time. We will miss each of these DU men. We encourage you to "google" their obituaries and read about their extraordinary lives.

Richard Williams '37

William Ritts '49

Gene Walker '44

Robert "Bob" Broshar '53

Gerald "Jerry" Posakony '46

Richard "Dick" Covert '61

David Petersen '48

Tom Cooper '74



LEAVING YOUR DU LEGACY

The picture above shows a portion of the DU memories that Bob Wilde '48 left his Iowa State Chapter of Delta Upsilon. These items will be archived along with five other boxes at the Parks Library on the ISU campus. Steve Schoger included his Iowa State DU Chapter in his will. Other DU brothers have been honored by their DU brothers or family with their name on a courtyard brick at the DU house.



Land Grant land links two DUs

A recent ISU Alumni Association project linked two DUs, (Justin Morrill and Tad Maxwell) who lived a century apart but have ties to the same land.

Iowa was the first state to take up the 1862 Land Grant Act and its offer to sell unclaimed federal land to fund a college for agricultural and mechanic arts. This was the dream of Justin Morrill, (Middlebury 1858) the Vermont Senator who convinced Congress to fund such colleges by granting land to the states.

To say Iowa was eager is an understatement. President Lincoln signed the bill July 2; the next day, Iowa's governor called for a special legislative session to act quickly and to obtain the best possible land for sale. The Iowa General Assembly approved the plan just nine weeks later.

Iowa already had the Iowa Agricultural College and Experimental Farm, underway west of Ames since 1858. Once the Iowa Legislature said go, Peter Melendy, an I.A.C. board member and future mayor of Cedar Falls, hit the road and identified the best 200,000 acres of available federal land in 27 northwest Iowa counties.

That land was then sold to pay for the growth of I.A.C., to become Iowa State College and then ISU. And some of that land, near Moville in Woodbury County, is owned today by the family of Tad Maxwell '80 (second from right in photo).

Visions magazine of the ISUAA tracked down Iowa State alumni who own land that was part of the land grant sale. About Tad and his family – he, his parents and two of his three siblings are ISU grads and life members of the ISUAA – Visions shared the following:

Helen Logan Maxwell's father instilled in her that if you had Iowa land you'd probably never go hungry. Helen's family owned land in Iowa's Woodbury County, but didn't farm it themselves. They lived in the town of Moville, where her father, Charlie Logan, was a local banker. He purchased the land after the Great Depression and paid farm workers to raise crops, hogs, and cattle.

Helen attended Iowa State, graduating in 1951 with a degree in child development. She met Earl "Doc" Maxwell on campus; he earned a DVM in 1949, and the couple married in 1951. They settled in Moville and bought land from Helen's father. Doc set up a veterinary practice, while Helen kept the family's books and worked in the local bank. They had four children – Stee Maxwell ('78 DVM), Chantry DeVries ('78 English & history), Tad Maxwell ('80 ag biz), and Reed Maxwell – and were named ISU Parents of the Year in 1977.

But despite the family's close connection to Iowa State, it came as a total surprise that the land that had been in the family for more than 70 years was a part of the university's land-grant legacy.

"We got a call from Iowa State saying they wanted to come up here," Helen explained. "They wanted us to get the deed out because they thought we might be one of the ones" who owned a land-grant parcel.

And, in fact, the first page of the abstract recited the Morrill Act. "It's right in the deed, and that's the first we ever knew of it," Doc said.

"They were really excited to see it right in the deed," Helen continued. "We didn't have a clue. If my father was alive, I'd know a lot more. I think my dad would be real proud that he purchased this farm."

An Alberta Cyclone says hello

Brother Allan Warrack, Alberta '61 recently passed along his best wishes to Colonnades board member Don Larew. Many of you may remember the time Brother Warrack spent at the DU house when he was attending Iowa State to pursue his PhD in 1967. Thank you, Brother Warrack, for highlighting the importance of the Land-Grant article that connects multiple DU brothers. The DU legacy thrives in the Warrack family.

Allan Warrack and grandson Gordon WW Brook '20



From the Desk of the Executive Director



Brothers,

In February, the Fraternity and Foundation boards met to discuss key elements of Delta Upsilon's next strategic plan. The Fraternity's previous plan ended last summer, and the development process for a new one began in late October. This will

be my third strategic plan as Executive Director, and upon reflection, I realize that our approach to this plan will require different thinking. In 2007 and 2012, we focused on our mission of Building Better Men and aspirationally thought how DU could add value to the college student experience. The hallmarks of those plans were new and enhanced educational programs, better delivery systems, and measurement. These plans led the Fraternity to unparalleled success.

Today we are still thinking with aspiration and considering what it really means to be a better man, and how to build them. However, at this time in our history, we must pay close attention to the external influences that may affect our vision. I shared with the two boards that more has changed in our environment in the last 18 months than in my first nine years as Executive Director. The pace is rapid. Now more than ever, the relevance of fraternities and sororities is in question. We must consider bold changes in our plans and actions moving forward to ensure our very existence.

Despite the good we do, serious tragedies have put fraternities under the microscope. Campuses are aggressively responding. In the past year, more than 30 campuses implemented some type of temporary suspension on their fraternity/sorority community, many of which experienced no tragedy. Some institutions have questioned the need for single-gender organizations. Others have cut funding for their Greek Life offices.

Delta Upsilon's leadership realizes that we are only as strong as the fraternity/sorority communities of which we are a part. Recent community-wide suspensions prove that it doesn't always matter how well a chapter performs; it can be scrutinized and punished for the actions of others. While working to make Delta Upsilon the best it can be, we must also work to improve the entire fraternal community. In my personal life, one of my greatest passions is cycling. I am frequently asked why you often see packs of cyclists traveling together

in a straight line. Drafting plays an important role for a cyclist whether in training or competition. When tucking close behind another rider, you experience less wind resistance, allowing you to expend less energy than you would riding by yourself. You can ride faster and longer by drafting.

When drafting, the lead rider continually switches. Leading the pack is hard work, and by switching positions with other riders, the load is shared. DU sees ourselves as a leader in the fraternal community. We are regarded as innovators in our field, yet, we know we don't have all the answers. We recognize we will become stronger by working collaboratively with our peers instead of breaking from the pack. Delta Upsilon will continue to work with our interfraternal brothers to define the 21st Century fraternity experience. We have begun talks with seven leading peer fraternities to determine the next steps needed to ensure fraternities remain relevant. As we work to bring all of our peers to the same playing field, we must also keep our eye on the future.

Our next strategic plan requires us to be innovative, forward-thinking and a leader of the pack. We have built a robust portfolio of award-winning educational programs, and the next plan will need to consider the environments and conditions that can optimize, or inhibit, our mission of Building Better Men. Serious consideration will be given to how we create spaces that foster high academic achievement, the role of alcohol in the fraternity experience, the safety and wellness of our undergraduates, career preparation, and how to engage more alumni to advise and mentor our young men.

Each fraternity was founded because a group of men desired to impact the lives of others. Fraternities were designed to be havens for thoughtful discussion, the exchange of ideas and the betterment of mankind. DUs recent success shows organizations can change and be relevant for today's college student. Since our founding, Delta Upsilon has been a leader and dared to be different. Today is no different. Now is our time to lead, not just for ourselves, but our entire community.

Fraternally,

Justin Kirk, Boise State '00 Executive Director Delta Upsilon Fraternity and Educational Foundation

Young Alumni Adventure in Japan

Sam Kammermeier '14 and Kevin Guinan '15 recently had the opportunity to visit Ryan Betters '15 and Keisuke Sato '16 in Japan. Ryan is stationed on Okinawa Island as part of his assignment with the military. Keisuke lives and works in Tokyo, his hometown. They had a chance to spend a week together visiting both Okinawa Island and Tokyo.



Graduate Spotlights

TAYLOR CLARK

Taylor graduated in the fall of 2014 with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. Since graduating Taylor has been working at Whirlpool as a Project Engineer. Taylor had a unique journey at Iowa State, not joining DU until his Junior year. Despite having a later start than most members Taylor made the most of his experience there and looking back on his time he had this to say, "The best thing I have gotten out of DU was the great friendships and connections. Ironically, I did not have the entrepreneurial spirit until after graduation. I am beginning to use my connections I gained while at DU to put my plan together." Taylor is currently living in Benton Harbor, Michigan where he recently purchased his first home with his Fiance' Rysa.

KEVIN GUINAN

Kevin graduated in the spring of 2015 with a degree in Industrial Engineering and he also partook in the concurrent MBA program graduating with his Masters degree in Business Administration. Kevin was one of the earliest members to join Delta Upsilon during the re-colonization period, and his contributions are a large part of the chapters ongoing success. During his time at Iowa State Kevin was the VP of Member of Education and he continues to support the chapter and other DU chapters across the country as an Academic Mentor. Kevin is currently working as a Sales Engineer for Trane where he designs and sells HVAC systems.

Kevin wasn't all business in college however, he had this to say when asked what his fondest memory of DU was: "Crumpling up about 5,000 newspapers and filling someone's room with newspaper. Literally, the room was filled from floor to ceiling with crumpled up newspaper! The reaction when they walked into the room warmed my heart!"

MIKE CARY

Mike graduated in 2014 with a dual degree in Management Information Systems (MIS) and Supply Chain Management and is now living in Minneapolis working for Cargill. Mike was one of the original members to join DU during the recolonization period and during his time in the house he served as the Vice President of Administration.

Mike was also heavily involved in intramurals during his time at Iowa State, particularly flag football. Mike was famous around the league for his "dirty hot route" a play off of his nickname in college: Dirty Mike (a reference to a movie at the time... he's quite hygienic). When asked what piece of advice he would give the current undergraduates of the chapter Mike had this to say: "Be involved but at the same time ensure a large focus is being put on grades. Being involved in the fraternity and a student organization through a position and/or simply actively participating, is not only a great learning experience, but fun. Ensure however you take grades seriously. Some companies recruit based on a strict GPA minimum, don't limit yourself or miss out on an opportunity because of this." Mike is now engaged to his Fiance, Alexandra an SK who he met in the trophy room at DU... you could say she's a... trophy... wife.

Mike continues to support the chapter through his involvement on the Colonnades board and attendance to most alumni events.

2017-18 Mentor Program a Success

A special thank you to the men listed below that volunteered this school year as mentors to the associate members. We appreciate the willingness of those alumni to take a little time to talk with our new DU members about job experiences. Those snippets of knowledge and wisdom can be enlightening to someone just learning what it means to be in a particular profession.

David Drake '88
Scott Barton '83
Sam Kammermeier '14
Steve Zimmerman '14
Matt Brueggen '14
Dave Ellingson '75
Matt Gunkleman '16
Brian Kern '01
Mike Espeset '91
Edd Soenke '67
Tim Herbert '82
Tanner Bock '15

Colin Finn '05
Bruce Bruene '84
Matt Hansen '94
Richard Covert '62
Scott Shumate '69
Keith Bruenning '80
Kevin Guinan '15
Bruce Becker '75
Kyle Burghart '16
David Hattery '83
Ben Nosek '14
Robert Cox '84

We always need more mentors, if you would like to field a few calls with a new member, send me an email at vermie5@mchsi.com and I will put you on our alumni mentor list.

Craig Vermie '73

Young Alumni Volunteer of the Year

It's no secret that alumni involvement has been the key to success for the Iowa State Chapter of Delta Upsilon since we re-chartered in September 2013. As our founding members graduated, we needed to find a way to key them involved and to recognize the work they do.



Last summer at the Escape to 117 Ash, we honored Kevin Guinan '15 with the young alumni volunteer of the year award. Kevin has served as the advisor to the VP of Academics for the past two academic years and has managed the updated DU database hosted on Member Planet. Kevin has also been a volunteer on the national level as a facilitator at the past two Great Plains regional leadership academies.

Thank you for your dedication to DU Brother Guinan.

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Brother Smith goes to Washington

Glen Smith '79 and his wife, Fauzan (ISU-Gamma Phi Beta) recently made quite a transition in their lives, moving from rural Atlantic, Iowa to Washington D.C., following a presidential nomination to the Board of Directors of the Farm Credit Administration (FCA). FCA is the oversight, regulatory agency for the Farm Credit System, our nation's largest provider of long-term agricultural loans with assets of close to a third of a trillion dollars.

"It's been quite a year," said Smith, an ISU College of Agriculture, Ag Business graduate. "I interviewed at the White House twice last spring which started the vetting process including a very comprehensive financial disclosure and FBI background check (fortunately no Facebook, Instagram, etc. in the 70's.) My official nomination from President Trump came in September, followed by a hearing in front of the Senate Ag Committee in November. I was finally approved by the Senate in December and sworn in, and Fauzan and I moved shortly thereafter."

Brother Smith is president and co-owner of Smith Land Service, a company he founded in 1982. The company specializes in farm management, land appraisal, and farmland brokerage services, and serves about 30 Iowa counties. He also owns and serves as president of Smith Generation Farms, Inc., a family farm operation that encompasses about 2,000 acres of primarily corn and soybeans in western Iowa. Management of the Iowa operations has been transitioned to their son, Peter.

Brother Smith was one of the 12 DU alumni who formed 117 Ash LLC in 2010 to provide the economic means to renovate the chapter house. He also was a room sponsor in the Capital Campaign for the chapter's reinstallation and centennial celebration in 2013 and has served on the Colonnades Club board.

Smith's advice to undergrads: "Occasionally life throws you some exceptional challenges and opportunities....sometimes you just have to go for it. I felt that way in 1975 when I first pledged DU. I saw an opportunity to live and be a brother to a truly diverse and exceptional group of men that helped shape my life. My new life in D.C. has many similarities to those college experiences."

Brother Smith says if you're in the D.C. area in the next five years and in need of a cheap beer, give him a shout out at gsmith@metc.net.



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