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Sweepstakes Finalist for 8th Straight Year!

Congratulations to Iowa State's Delta Upsilon Chapter for being named a Sweepstakes finalist for the 8th year in a row! This award is given out each summer at DU's Leadership Institute to the top 7 Delta Upsilon chapters throughout North America. Four undergraduates and one alumnus were on hand in Orlando to accept the award on behalf of the chapter. The chapter was presented this award based on these accomplishments from the 2021-2022 academic year:

- 83-man chapter that recruited 27 new brothers on the year
- Finished the year with a 3.0 chapter overall GPA.
- 27 brothers attended a DU educational program
- 100% of chapter members completed the Membership Outcomes Assessment
- Third highest GSI fundraising chapter with more than \$7,800 raised
- The Fraternity's highest number of service hours, with an amazing average of 79.4 service hours per member!

One of the most powerful parts of fraternity is the collection of men coming together for one purpose. We achieve far more as a group than we can as individuals. Like our advisors and alumni volunteers, our alumni chapters play an important role in the success of Delta Upsilon. Alumni chapters not only support our undergraduates, but they also provide opportunities for fellowship and development beyond graduation. In addition to the Sweepstakes Award, the Colonnades Board was recognized with Outstanding Alumni Chapter Award. Thank you to all the members of the Colonnades Board for your continued hard work to support not only our chapter, but our beloved home at 117 Ash Avenue. Next time you see a brother that attended this year's LI, be sure to ask them about their experience!

Colin Finn '05
President Colonnades



Tom Lee, Pennsylvania '91 and Scott Bayman, Florida '68 greet our ISU delegation



Max Weiss, Alec Frey, Ethan Frazier '24, Joe Schoenecker, Alec Frey, Kenny Benjamin accepting the Sweepstakes Finalist Trophy



Joe Schoenecker presenting the DU Board a check for GSI Fundraising



Undergraduate and alumni brothers gather for a personal tour of Hilton Coliseum

Escape to 117 Ash Returns After a Two-Year Hiatus

We had a solid revival of Escape to 117 Ash on July 22-24, 2022 after two years off.

Friday evening saw about 35 DUs enjoy a locker room and floor-level tour of Hilton (do NOT go on the basketball court!) and dinner at Johnny's, and a great discussion with ISU Wrestling Coach Kevin Dresser. We thought late in the game that we would have to go to plan B for this event, as something more like 60 would be needed to make it cost effective. However, a generous donation by an anonymous alumnus made the Hilton magic happen.

Saturday saw 25 DUs braving the 97-degree heat for a fine round of golf at Veenker. Then nearly 45 alumni, undergraduates, and guests were at the memorial service and steak fry at 117 Ash on Saturday evening.

At the memorial service for alumni lost in the past year, Herb Harmison '56 and Bryan Kinnamon '68 were honored as the first two members of the Colonnades Hall of Fame. This new honor recognizes deceased alumni who have given their time and talent through the Colonnades Corporation for the benefit of the Iowa State chapter.

Our special guests from the weekend were two of Herb's four children: Chuck Harmison (all the way from Australia!) and Kathy Harmison Andrews with her husband Steve. They came to help us remember their father. While on the floor level at Hilton, Chuck shared a story about how then coach Lynn Nance would give the command to run steps to the top of Hilton and back after a practice goof. Six-foot nine Chuck (note him in the above picture) played for ISU in 1976–80.



Alumni brothers enjoying their time at Hilton Coliseum. L-R Jon Goreham '78, Mark Dean '81, Al Mores '80, Tom Rice '78 (event chairman), Tom Sullivan '80, Tom Hansen '79, Bruce Dean '78.



Undergraduate and alumni brothers pose in front of the house to commemorate a weekend of brotherhood

We now have seven Escapes under our belts. Having missed two years, this was the first Escape for our current undergraduates and they seemed to enjoy it. We had many opportunities for one-on-one conversations between undergrads and alumni and most seemed to be taking advantage of these.

What's next? We have begun the evaluation process with a thank-you note to all who attended or registered. Next will come a survey to get feedback on this Escape in particular, and on Escape activities and scheduling in general.

A special thanks goes to the Escape to 117 Committee. Tom Rice '79 did a great job of heading up weekly Zoom meetings, meeting with undergrads and facility personnel in Ames, and greeting everyone once they got to Ames. Colin Finn '05 was the grill master for the steak fry, and Jeff Courter '84 was a true professional as Commissioner of the golf outing. Tom Hansen

'79, Sam Kammermeier '14, Nick Lee '23, and Ethan Frazier '24 rounded out the crew. The committee enjoyed planning Escape to 117 Ash and making it happen, and thanks to all alumni and undergrads for on-the-ground help, great suggestions, and prompt answers to questions along the way.

If you attended and took photos, you can help by sending any photos to John Carson at carsonjohnh@gmail.com. If you were in a photo and would like a copy when we get it, let us know who might have taken it, or who was in it with you, and we will work to track it down. Looking ahead to 2023, Escape is currently scheduled for July 21–23.

Remember these words from an old DU song? *“And here’s to the grads, oh those same bonny lads who gather each year from afar...”*

Tom Hansen '79
Colonnades Board



The Sears family experienced Escape, including a fun day at Veenker Golf Course with 24 other DU's. Left to right: Roger, Reid, Aidan, and Roger's wife, Linda Rindt.

DU Connection Spans 60 Years in the Sears Family

The Sears family turned Escape to 117 Ash it into a family reunion. Roger Sears '61 joined his grandsons Reid (Mechanical Engineering '23) and Aidan (Civil Engineering '26) to enjoy a weekend of brotherhood at Delta Upsilon.

The DU connected started when Roger arrived at Iowa State in 1957. "I had no intention of joining a fraternity but accepted an invitation from a DU from my hometown to stay during rush week. The comradery of the DU brotherhood during that stay hooked me, I pledged, and never regretted accepting Delta Upsilon's invitation."

Grandson Reid had a similar experience. During rush week he stayed at the ATO house where his father had belonged. Yet he visited Delta Upsilon to see his grandfather's ISU home. Roger shared, "The hospitality of the DU President and Rush Chairman impressed Reid. Before the week was over, he pledged DU and has enjoyed the DU experience ever since." Bother Aidan followed a few years later to complete the DU threesome. "I am proud of my grandson's decision to join DU," brother Sears said, "and I am proud of the DU's for creating the atmosphere which caused them to pledge."

Reid commented on the family affair, "I love having the brotherhood connection with both my blood brother, Aidan, as well as my grandfather, Roger. I think it is a very special experience to be able to bond with my family over the DU founding principles and values that guide us." Sixty years has brought many changes at ISU, but Reid comments on what has not changed, "Men join fraternities today for the same reasons they joined 60 years ago, to become better men by developing social skills, building connections with like-minded people, and holding each other accountable. The mission and how it is accomplished has not changed at all, and I think that's a cool thing. The brotherhood experience is timeless."

Aidan shared what sold him on DU. "I met a lot of DU's when I came to visit my brother when I was still in high school. I instantly made a connection with a lot of the guys and felt as if I was already a part of the fraternity. Eventually when I knew I was coming to Iowa State I knew that I wanted to be a DU and signed my bid in the spring of my senior year of high school." Aidan has a special experience living at 117 Ash, "It interests me a lot to know that my grandfather also wandered the halls and rooms of this house 60 years ago. It also interests me to know what the house once looked like and how it has changed throughout time. I am currently walking in his footsteps and to me that is something I really cherish." DU brotherhood is a special bond for the Sears family. Their comments remind all DU's why our fraternity makes such an impact on our lives at Iowa State and beyond. As Reid says, "The brotherhood experience is timeless."

John Carson '73
Colonnades Board



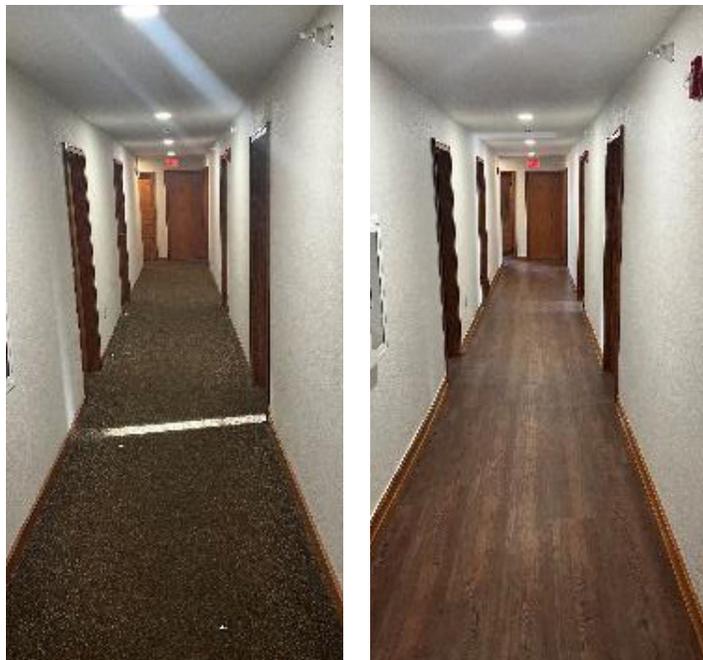
Brothers Aidan Sears '26 and Reid Sears '23 have family roots at 117 Ash

117 Ash Undergoes Summer Construction Projects

It was a busy summer at 117 Ash Avenue with an abundance of construction projects taking place. Before we discuss the construction projects of this past summer, let's talk about how we got here.

In 2011, the Delta Upsilon house underwent a complete renovation. The second and third floor was gutted all the way down to the studs. New systems, including plumbing, electrical, HVAC, fire alarm, and fire sprinklers, were installed. All third floor rooms were turned into suites with individual bathrooms. The second floor rooms remained as study rooms with shared public bathrooms and a cold air sleeping dorm. All suites and study rooms received new windows. The main floor, basement, and exterior walls were also updated to give the house a fresh new look. From 2011 until this past year, our house was at or near full occupancy. After 11 years of wear and tear by many DU brothers living at 117 Ash, the suites and study rooms needed a refresh.

Thanks to a generous donation from the estate of W. Allen Perry '30, we were able to do significant work to the President's Suite and the third floor suites. Colonnades contracted with Story Construction in Ames to complete this work. All walls in these areas were repaired and repainted. All carpet was removed and replaced with luxury vinyl plank flooring. Bathroom vanities, medicine cabinets, shower doors, and shower faucets were replaced. The tile grout was stripped and replaced with a waterproof grout. "The house renovations look great! Having it done before formal recruitment was a huge plus because we were able to show what other areas of the house will look like in the future and demonstrate the



3rd floor hallway is refreshed. Adjoining study rooms updated and bathrooms remodeled

commitment of our alumni group," said Ethan Frazier '24, the Chapter's President.

Exterior work was also part of the summer construction projects. Story Construction completed structural work to the columns supporting the cold air dorm and the north porch. Some of these columns had deteriorated and required immediate repair. Additionally, the house's original gutters have loosened over time and were re-secured to the house.

Despite all the work that happened over the summer, here is more work to be done. Over the next few years, considerations will be made to refreshing the second floor study rooms, second floor public bathrooms, and the cold air dorm. The original roof and gutters will require replacement soon. Beyond these immediate needs, our undergraduates desire to have more common areas and study space. "I would really like to see the attic be redone to include a nice study space. I hear of other houses on campus having private study rooms and I think that is a big piece that we are missing," said Nick Bivens '24, the Chapter's Vice President of Associate Member Education.

Next time you are in Ames, please stop by 117 Ash to meet our current undergraduates, attend a chapter meeting, and/or see the updates to your college home. The current undergraduate would welcome you with open arms. Finally, be on the lookout for more planning from Colonnades regarding future upgrades at 117 Ash.



Colonnades Room updates include fresh paint and luxury vinyl flooring

Kevin Guinan, '15
VP Housing Colonnades



Chapter President, Ethan Frazier '24, giving an Ignite Talk to over 250 DU brothers

A Word from President Ethan Frazier

As the fall semester continues, we've experienced an exciting amount of growth. The chapter as a whole is off to a great start for the year in all areas, most notably recruitment, brotherhood, philanthropy, and academics. These four areas are key aspects that drive our fraternity, but the undergraduates have made it a point to excel specifically in these areas. I'm proud to say that with the help of an excellent executive board, active members, and an amazing new member class, this chapter is continuing on an upwards track and is showing no signs of changing.

This summer has been one of the busiest ones this chapter has seen in a long time. Thanks to the countless hours of effort from our House Director, Kevin Guinan '15, the house received renovations to the entire third floor, as well as the President's Suite. You can read more in depth about these changes in his article. These renovations were wrapping up just in time for another amazing Escape to 117 Ash event, the first one since before the pandemic. With the incredible clash of alumni and active members, we were able to share stories, bond over activities, and pay respects to our late brothers. Our chapter sends all the thanks to the event planning committee for a beautiful event filled with great memories.

This past August, a few members of the executive team had the privilege of flying down to Orlando to participate in the annual Leadership Institute. While there, we participated in several workshops to learn about what new ideas we can bring back to our chapter to either fix or improve certain areas. This experience was incredibly beneficial for us as we were able to make friends with several other chapters, one being the

Kansas State chapter who we had the privilege of hosting at our house earlier this month for the football game. Take a look at the recap article of this year's Leadership Institute to see everything the chapter was recognized in, including our 8th year as a Sweepstakes Finalist.

Another highlight from the summer was focused on recruitment. With the advantage of fresh renovations, our recruitment team worked tirelessly to put together multiple events at our house, in Minneapolis, and in Chicago. Our Vice President of Recruitment, Max Drancik '24, as well as his two recruitment chairs, Anthony Tazzouti '24 and Mike Partoll '24, were able to come into this semester already having a good amount of guys signed into the new member class. During fall formal recruitment, the team signed seven more guys to the fall class. After some extra efforts after formal recruitment, we were able to pin 20 outstanding young men into the Fall 2022 Associate Member class.

If I had to summarize this semester in one word, it would be "improvement." Whether that be individually or organizationally, our members are constantly looking for ways to improve our chapter and our members. As my term as president comes to an end, I can say I couldn't have done it without the help of this chapter, our alumni, and the support from Iowa State's Sorority and Fraternity Community. The amount that this chapter has given to me is more than I could've ever imagined, and I can't wait to see where the next executive board will lead it.

Ethan Frazier '24

Sustaining Delta Upsilon at ISU



Colonnades board member since the house renovation and re-chartering in 2013

For the last ten years I have learned much about our DU chapter. I have assisted with fund raising, the Open Visor, Escape to 117 Ash and recently, the expansion of our Colonnades board. I have seen what it takes to build and sustain a successful chapter. And what amazes me most, is our chapter of Delta Upsilon has survived and thrived for well over 100 years!

Our chapter has been home to thousands of young men at Iowa State. At Delta Upsilon our

undergraduate brothers experience a supportive brotherhood and leadership opportunities, in the house and on campus. The social advantages are significant. Their DU experience builds character and accelerates their future careers. And brothers make lifelong friends and enjoy an historic 117 Ash home to return to. All these benefits are significant, and lifelong.

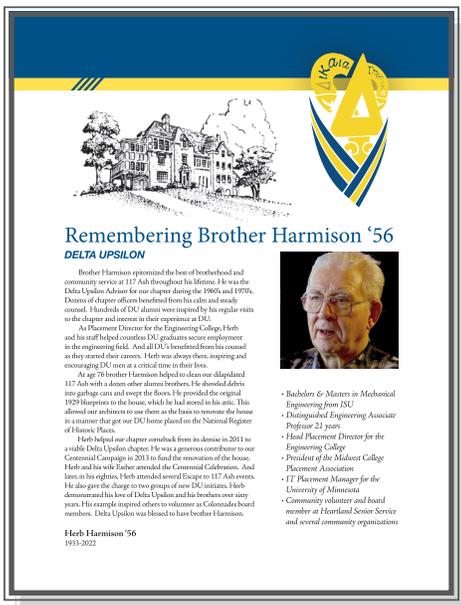
Sustaining Delta Upsilon at ISU for almost 110 years has not been easy. Our chapter has adjusted to depressions, wars, cultural changes, enrollment dips and much more. And yet, we have survived because we fulfill an important role for brothers and Iowa State. Alumni across the generations have banded together to maintain our chapter. Alumni brothers provide two critical resources:

- + Countless volunteer hours by Colonnades officers, board members and others.
- + Financial resources delivered via our annual Colonnades campaign, capital campaigns when needed, and bequests from thankful brothers.

I want to thank the 5% of our alumni brothers who support us as volunteers and donors. Your commitment has made DU sustainable. And I want to invite all alumni to consider what your Delta Upsilon experience has meant to your life. It is a gift, a gift worth passing on to future DU young men at 117 Ash. Will you join us to be part of that effort?

John Carson '73
Colonnades Board

Colonnades Hall of Fame Plaques



Remembering Brother Harmison '56
DELTA UPSILON

Brother Harmison epitomized the love of brotherhood and community service at 117 Ash throughout his lifetime. He was the Delta Upsilon Advisor for our chapter during the 1960s and 1970s. Dozens of chapter officers benefited from his calm and steady counsel. Hundreds of DU alumni were inspired by his regular visits to the chapter and interest in their experience at DU.

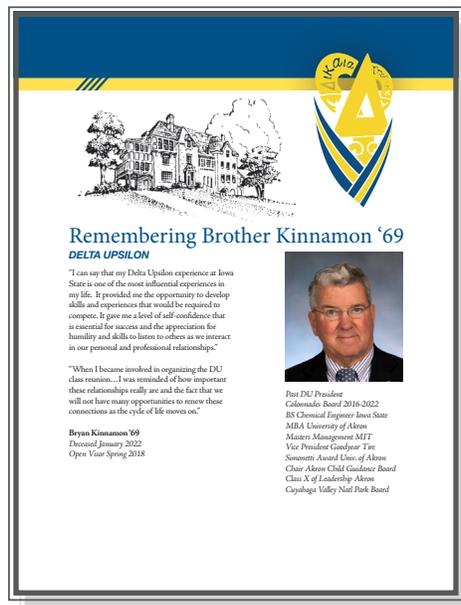
As Placement Director for the Engineering College, Herb and his staff helped countless DU graduates secure employment in the engineering field. And all DU's benefited from his counsel as they started their careers. Herb was always there, inspiring and encouraging DU men at a critical time in their lives.

At age 70, Brother Harmison helped to clean and dilapidated 117 Ash with a dozen other alumni brothers. He donated debris into garbage cans and swept the floor. He provided the original 1929 blueprints to the house, which he had stored in his attic. This allowed our architects to use them as the basis to restore the house to a structure that got our DU home placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Herb helped our chapter comeback from its demise in 2001 to a viable Delta Upsilon chapter. He was a generous contributor to our Centennial Campaign in 2011 to fund the renovation of the house. Herb and his wife, Esther, attended the Centennial Celebration. And true to his nature, Herb attended several Escapes to 117 Ash events. He always gave the charge to new groups of new DU initiates. Herb demonstrated his love of Delta Upsilon and his brothers over many years. His example inspired others to volunteer at Colonnades board members. Delta Upsilon was blessed to have brother Harmison.

Herb Harmison '56
1933-2022

- Bachelor of Masters in Mechanical Engineering from ISU
- Distinguished Engineering Associate Professor 21 years
- Head Placement Director for the Engineering College
- President of the Midwest College Placement Association
- IT Placement Manager for the University of Minnesota
- Community volunteer and board member at Heartland Senior Service and several community organizations



Remembering Brother Kinnamon '69
DELTA UPSILON

"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 skills and experiences that would be required to compete. It gave me a level of self-confidence that is essential for success and the appreciation for humility and skills to listen to others as we interact in our personal and professional relationships."

"When I became involved in organizing the DU class reunion... 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."

Bryan Kinnamon '69
Deceased January 2022
Open Visor Spring 2018

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Colonnades Board 2016-2022
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Cuyahoga Valley Natl Park Board

These plaques recognize two deceased brothers who made significant contributions as Colonnades board members for our chapter. They are given to the alumnus family and displayed at the house to remind current members of those that sustained Delta Upsilon at Iowa State for over 100 years.

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Delta U Remembers...

Brother Ron Genter '58 passed away August 17, 2022.
You may view his obituary on our chapter website:

<https://isudu.org/obituaries/>

We appreciate the help of all alumni to advise us of a brother's passing so we can include his obit on our chapter website. If you have fond memories of Ron Genter, or any deceased DU, you may make a memorial donation in their name to our annual Colonnades campaign. This is one way you help sustain Delta Upsilon for future generations at 117 Ash.

