



# The OPEN VISOR

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From left to right: Conor Ziaja '25, Camden Troncin '25, Max Weiss '25, Thomas Olson '25, Grier Wheaton '25, Daniel Carberry '25, Joey Carli '25, and Lucas Vieira '25 posing with the DU flag in Jamaica.

## Reflecting on Global Service Initiative with Conor Ziaja

9 a.m. on March 11th, 2023, I departed from Chicago Midway International Airport, unaware that I was going to experience the most eye opening trip that I have ever been able to take part in.

Firstly, Jamaica is an amazing country brimming with culture and natural beauty. Upon arrival, I was treated with kindness and welcomed into the city of Negril. The locals and even frequent tourists were excited that we were visiting to help complete Higher Heights Academy, which made myself and the rest of the brothers attending feel great and pushed us to work harder.

Conor Ziaja '25 striking a pose with two kids from Higher Heights Academy outside Savanna La Mar, Jamaica



Secondly, being able to participate in this type of service for a community is truly life-changing. Not only was I able to see my efforts at the worksite physically progress, I was able to interact with the children of Higher Heights Academy. Never in my life have I seen a more well-behaved, and wholesome group of one to six year olds, who are so kind to anyone. Being able to see the kids smile, laugh, and play after a long day of digging trenches and laying concrete made me want to work harder every day, knowing my efforts would go a long way after I left.

Global Service Initiative is a program that I truly believe will change anyone's life. I can speak for myself and the other brothers that attended: We all were affected in some way. Personally, I developed a more positive outlook on life. We all come from different backgrounds and all have different opportunities, so it is important that I serve those who are less fortunate than myself so one day, they will also be able to thrive and become the best versions of themselves.

Lastly, I want to thank everyone who allows GSI to be possible, especially Mrs. Kay and Kody, as well as the alumni. Without your gracious donations, we would not be able to experience this life-changing trip.

Dikaia,  
Conor Ziaja '25

## A Word from the Undergraduate President



Composite photo of President Daniel Carberry '25

This spring semester has been packed with brotherhood, philanthropy, academics, and more opportunities. It seems like every week is another chance for our men to showcase their character to the rest of the community. As I am writing this, we are coming off Greek Week, where we took home several trophies including 1st Place overall in Community Service. I was inspired to see the house come together every day of the week to collect clothing, food, and hygiene products to donate to those in need.

Our house has always prioritized philanthropy, but this semester has brought that to a whole new level. Eight of our members flew down to Jamaica this March to participate in GSI, outnumbering every chapter by at least 5. I was fortunate enough to be alongside our men as we spent the week doing labor for Higher Heights Academy and connecting with the kids. Brothers Joey Carli '25 and Conor Ziaja '25 wrote more in depth about our experience in this publication as well.

Experiencing GSI has put a new perspective on our philanthropic events, which has motivated our chapter to be even better. The chapter looks to build off a strong semester of fundraising by expanding into a few new events. This February we hosted our first ever Delta Hoopsilon, a men's and women's basketball tournament fundraiser. Later this semester we are hosting DU's Drive-Thru, where we are serving root beer floats and loaded fries.

Later this month we are set to initiate six exceptional men in the Spring 2023 Associate Member Class. As we wrap up the semester, however, our efforts are focused on recruiting new members for this next fall pledge class. With the new renovations and potential cold-air remodeling, prospective members have more excited to move in than previous years. I look forward to seeing what events we put on this summer to grow our chapter.

In recap, our chapter is making continual improvements thanks to efforts from each and every member, advisor, and alumnus. I could not be happier with the place we are in at this moment and I am beyond excited to see what new heights next semester will bring.

Faternally,  
Daniel Carberry '25

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## Fostering Brotherhood in Kansas City

Regional Leadership Academy, a program designed and implemented by Headquarters, is a great way to advance leadership and personal skills that will help you succeed in Delta Upsilon. Meant for the new executive board each year

*From left to right: Vincent Maier ('26), Peter Collins ('26), Jason Dickson ('25), Grier Wheaton ('25), Jonah Hoffman ('25), Flanigan Parrott ('26), Daniel Carberry ('25), Drew Kline ('25), Conor Ziaja ('25), Miles Vinton ('26), Kaden Smith ('26), Cole Chappell ('26), and Camden Troncin ('25) attend this year's RLA in Kansas City.*



to come together and brainstorm how to better the chapter that year, it is also a great way to connect with other chapters for new ideas. The skills I have learned at RLA apply not only to Delta Upsilon but to life as well. During my time at Delta Upsilon, I have gone to RLA twice. I have learned something new and brought it back to our chapter each time.

This past RLA, our executive board developed ideas to better many aspects of our chapter. Since then, we have implemented these ideas and seen many benefits. RLA is also a great time to see younger members step up and dedicate a weekend to becoming better men, as well as prepare for holding chair and executive board positions in the future. Another great part about RLA are the volunteers and IHQ staff running the conference. All the people there want to see every chapter succeed. I recommend RLA to any member of Delta Upsilon, whether as an attendee or a volunteer, as it has many benefits that are hard to put into words.

Dikaia,  
Camden Troncin '25

## Reflecting on Global Service Initiative with Joey Carli

This past spring break, many men from chapters across the country, from North Dakota to UCF, were provided the opportunity to go on the Global Service Initiative trip to Jamaica for the first time since before COVID-19. Eight Iowa State members were a part of this trip, and fortunately, I was one of the lucky men selected to go. From the moment I stepped outside the airport in Montego Bay Saturday morning, I could tell I was about to have a life-changing experience. Seeing Higher Heights Academy, the preschool Delta Upsilon has helped improve, and its impact on the community was truly eye-opening.



Joey Carli '25 takes a quick photo break with a boy from Higher Heights Academy outside Savanna La Mar, Jamaica

As we drove up the driveway to the school, we were greeted with bright tiny smiles and grateful teachers singing and dancing. To be able to not only see the impact on the Jamaican community we had but also see how much my brothers and I grew as men was short of amazing. The nightly reflections seemed like it was going to be one of the most “boring” parts of the trip. However, listening to the waves of the ocean and the laughter and smiles from the stories told about that day made us realize how much this trip truly impacted us all.

It was the little moments throughout this trip that truly made an impact on me. Learning about the Jamaican culture, making connections to the school we helped, and becoming a better man is what GSI and DU are all about, and I can proudly speak for the group and say that we all did exactly that. I could go on about GSI forever, from everything I learned about the Jamaican culture to all the stories I could share and then the impact it had on myself. However, these words will never do justice. Delta Upsilon, as well as donations from our chapter's alumni, has provided me with this opportunity to build as a better man and for that, I will be forever grateful.

Dikaia,  
Joey Carli '25

## Cultivating Leadership Skills at President's Academy

Every winter break, the newly elected President has the opportunity to attend President's Academy outside Indianapolis. Thanks to the Colonnades fund for educational programs, I was able to attend the 4-day educational program for free.



From left to right: Kevin Guinan '15, Miles Vinton '26, Drew Kline '25, Daniel Carberry '25, and Vincent Maier '26 at President's Academy/DUEL outside Brookston, Indiana.

The weekend kicked off with team building activities and a lesson about creating a strong team. This transitioned into a session about developing brotherhood within our houses and the best strategies for this. In between sessions, we had small group meetings where different presidents could connect, share ideas, and plan together. I found myself getting the most out of the small group meetings and took notes on everything I learned.

Later in the weekend, we focused on ethical decision making and handling difficult situations. These are skills that all presidents must have to be successful and I am extremely thankful I received the training before starting my term.

The best part about the weekend was connecting with the presidents from other chapters. Each president had a different perspective on leadership and every conversation was productive and thoughtful. I still stay in touch with many of the presidents, even reconnecting with several of them at RLA and AFLV.

President's Academy provided me with an opportunity to reflect on our chapter at its current place and how to continue growing it. I can confidently say that I came back to Ames with a plan and eager to lead.

Fraternally,  
Daniel Carberry '25

# Don Larew '63 Receives Prestigious Service Award

Our chapter has long been grateful to Don Larew '63 for his service on the Colonnades Board and gift of the fine grand piano in the chapter room. Now, we share word of a high honor for his lifetime of service to the Arts in Education in North Dakota.

Brother Larew, professor emeritus of theatre arts at North Dakota State University in Fargo, was one of six recipients of the North Dakota Governor's Awards for the Arts presented February 1st at the North Dakota Heritage Center in Bismarck. He was honored with the Arts in Education category.

Don taught at NDSU for 40 years and served as the designer and technical director for the Little Country Theater, the touring company Prairie Stage, North Dakota Repertory Theatre, and several other theatrical productions. His theatrical experience dates to his undergraduate days with the Iowa State Players and the scenic designs for the Stars Over Veishea production of "The Music Man".

"I was notified of the award 10 days prior to the Governor's Award Ceremony", Don shared. "I had no idea I was nominated, so it was quite a surprise." Over 400 people attended the recognition event. 20 of them were students, theater associates, friends, and neighbors who came to support Don. He received a standing ovation in recognition of his efforts and his passion for theatre.

Many DU alumni from Iowa State have had distinguished careers that merited awards and recognition. What is unique

about Don is for 60 years he has given back to Delta Upsilon. He is committed to assure other young men have the positive experience he had.

"My parents did not allow me to join a fraternity at ISU as a freshman. I pledged as a sophomore and soon began to enjoy the brotherhood at DU," Don commented. "I was a bit of an introvert but DU changed that. I was DU President, which taught me leadership skills and gave me the confidence needed for my career."

Don's lifelong service to DU is impressive:

- Attended the DU Annual meeting in Indianapolis in 1962 as president. He met a young Bill Butler, who later became the Executive Director for DU International.
- He became the Chapter Advisor to the newly formed chapter at NDSU in 1970.
- Don served 5 years in the 70s as DU Province Governor for chapters in South Dakota, North Dakota, Minnesota, and Manitoba.
- In 2008, after serving decades as NDSU chapter advisor, the chapter named their chapter room after Don, including a painting of brother Larew.
- In 2011 he stopped by 117 Ash. Our chapter lost its charter. It was occupied by only two men and in dire need of renovation. Don committed to help the renovation and recharter the chapter.
- Don helped clean debris from the house and became the 3rd largest donor for Centennial Campaign 2013-14.
- He also funded a scholarship at DU International for brothers from ISU and NDSU to attend DU Leadership events.
- Don has served on the Colonnades Board since the chapter rechartered in 2013.
- Brother Larew is a regular donor and attendee at Colonnades board meetings.

Don Larew has delivered a lifetime of service to DU. These brothers and countless others from NDSU enjoyed the benefits of DU brotherhood. Thank you, brother Larew. You are an inspiration to all of us committed to sustain our chapter at Iowa State.



Don Larew '63 (left) and brother Herb Harmison (right) '56 at 117 Ash in 2014

# Shale Nyberg '81 Remembers Delta Upsilon and the Gift of Brotherhood

Brothers Shale Nyberg '81 and Russ Marx '81 were great friends growing up in Sioux City. Shale was introduced to Delta Upsilon by his track and cross-country coach's sons.... Brothers Bob and Scott Provorse. Russ Marx also pledged Delta Upsilon. As DU pledges, they became "brothers" in the truest form of the word, fostering a relationship that grew and lasted 50 years.

Shale died on February 19, 2022, at the age of 63. At the end of his life, Shale had a dream to remember Delta U at 117 Ash Avenue with a \$25,000 bequest. Brother Marx played a key role as executor to enthusiastically deliver on Shale's dream.

After Shale graduated from Iowa State in 1981, his first job was with Hormel on the East Coast. After less than a year, he moved to Phoenix to attend the Thunderbird School of Global Management for a degree in International Finance. After graduating, he moved to Omaha and worked for a short time at Valmont Industries in Valley, Nebraska. Lastly, he found his calling with Norwest Bank Corporation in Minneapolis hired Shale for a position in asset-based lending, where he worked till retiring in 2021.

Shale lived on Lake Minnetonka in Mound almost his entire time in Minnesota. He thoroughly enjoyed cruising the lake with his partner of almost 20 years, Cheryl Johnson. He always made time to be with his many dogs that he raised. Always the outdoorsman, Shale found his getaway place in "The Farm" in the early 1990s. Located in south central South Dakota, he transformed it into a place where everyone would gather on weekends to pheasant hunt and socialize together. Of those visitors, a band of many Iowa State DUs got together each fall for a hunting weekend. "Shale was devoted to Delta Upsilon," Dave Saggau commented, "and he was extremely loyal to brothers and friends." He was working on plans at the time he died to continue to develop the ranch for such gatherings.

Shale kept in close touch with many DU brothers in addition to Brother Marx. Jeff Mertz '80, Dave Saggau '82, Rex Holland '80, Bobby Moore '82, Art Smith '81 and Jeff Harmeyer '82 were a few who maintained regular contact with him. "Shale was a super humble guy. He was a hard worker never afraid to lead when a physical labor was involved," Brother Saggau shared. "Shale was a brilliant guy who was very generous with his wisdom and belongings," Russ Marx commented. "Shale

was also very private. He compartmentalized his life. You could rest assured if you confided in Shale it stayed between you and Shale. There is nothing Shale wouldn't do for a friend."

We thank Brother Nyberg for his gift to Delta Upsilon. All DUs benefit from their time at 117 Ash, but only a small number understand that Delta Upsilon is a gift from past brothers. Shale understood financial commitment is needed from alumni to perpetuate Delta Upsilon. He encouraged brotherhood throughout his life, and his final gift challenges us to follow in his example.

*Brother Shale Nyberg '81 often hunted pheasants with DU brothers on his farm*



# Thank You to Our Donors



Colonnades President Colin Finn '05

Brothers,

First, let me thank you for your continued support of the Iowa State Chapter of Delta Upsilon. As you read this Open Visor, you will see that the Colonnades has continued to provide an experience that allows our undergraduate brothers to engage, learn and grow. This would not be possible without you. Thank you.

Second, I would like to thank Brother Roger Sears and Mrs. Kathy Andrews (Herb Harmison Estate) for their \$5,000 gifts. Brother Sears made his gift before last summer's Escape to 117 Ash to help us offset the expense of our amazing venue Johnny's at Hilton Coliseum. Mrs. Andrews and her brother Chuck Harmison attended Escape and were so inspired by our undergraduate brothers that they decided to make a large gift in honor of their father.

This past year, the Colonnades has provided over \$10,000 in scholarship and travel support to send 30 guys to DU educational programs. \$365 has been provided in tutor reimbursement and \$2,500 has been provided in scholarships to executive board members. We also continue to provide free washers and dryers to our members who live in the house.

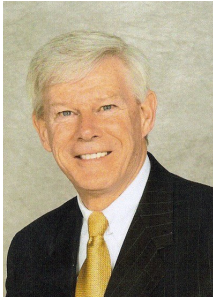
This is an exciting time for Delta Upsilon, and we are grateful to have you with us on this journey. Together, we continue to create a membership experience that truly fulfills our mission of Building Better Men. Thank you for your support this past year and for years to come. The vitality of Delta Upsilon depends on how well our members honor our Four Founding Principles, and it is time we ensure the ideals of Friendship, Character, Culture, and Justice advance our members, our chapter, and our society.

Fraternally,

Colin P. Finn  
Iowa State '05  
Colonnades President

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| Edward Soenke        | 1966 | \$250.00   | Jeff Courter     | 1984 | \$117.00 | Robert Clem               | 1957 | \$18.34  |

## Remember Delta Upsilon in Your Estate Plan



Bruce Becker '75

In 2013 we spent \$1.75 million to update our house. Ten years later, we again must make major investments in the house. We have an iconic home at 117 Ash. However, it is a historic 90-year-old facility that we must strive to update with modern amenities to meet the needs of today's undergraduates.

Throughout its years, Delta Upsilon at Iowa State University has been fortunate to receive bequests from brothers as part of their estate plans. Every DU is encouraged to consider this option. You will be impressed when you come back to the house to see that we have a memorial courtyard with names of brothers who have made such bequests.

In recent years, these brothers remembered DU as an important influence on their lives. Their gifts funded needed house repairs and renovations.

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| 2018 - Steve Schoger '74 | \$130,000 |
| 2021 - Willam Perry '29  | \$240,000 |
| 2023 - Shale Nyberg '81  | \$25,000  |

Most people plan their estates by executing a Last Will and Testament or a Trust. However, a will does not control the distribution of all your assets. For example, joint tenancy property, life insurance proceeds, IRAs, and retirement benefits with named beneficiaries all pass outside of your will. Brothers John Carson '73 and Bruce Becker '75 will be happy to assist your estate planning. It will perpetuate the beautiful house that we call home at 117 Ash.

## Benjamin Breeding Joins Colonnades as Chapter Advisor

Ben Breeding recently joined the Colonnades as the main chapter advisor. Living in the area, he is a great asset to the Board in guiding the undergraduates. Here, he reflects on his time with DU.

Joining DU was undoubtedly the best decision I made during my time in college. Before coming to Ames, I was on the fence and didn't know if fraternity life was for me. After visiting DU over IFC Experience Weekend, my choice to join became a lot easier!

As a member, I found it rewarding to hold as many chair positions as I could. While serving as Greek Week General Co-Chair, I helped lead DU to a top 3 overall finish. As the Professional Development Chair, I assisted brothers by enacting mock interviews and tailoring resumes before the career fairs. I was on the Philanthropy Committee for 3 semesters and then served as the Philanthropy Chair during my final semester. I also spent a few semesters on the academic review board and was on the IFC Judicial board for a year as well. All of these positions allowed me to get to know my brothers on a deeper level and form a sense of brotherhood

that I know will last a lifetime. My favorite memories include Greek Week/Homecoming tournaments, lip sync, family olympics, and spending weekend nights with the brothers.

I graduated from ISU in 3 years with a degree in Financial Counseling and Planning as well as a General Business minor. After graduation, I took some time and traveled across Europe before accepting a position with RBC Wealth Management. I currently live in Ankeny, Iowa and am excited to give some time back to the chapter as an undergraduate advisor!

Ben Breeding '22



Benjamin Breeding '22 poses for a graduation photo in front of Beardsbear Hall

## Colonnades Campaign 2023 Funds Brotherhood Furniture

The Colonnades Housing Committee seeks new furniture for our brothers at 117 Ash. Ten plus years of wear have taken a toll. Please check out the campaign site and view an undergrad video explaining our need.

[www.memberplanet.com/campaign/iastatedu/colonnadesclub2023](http://www.memberplanet.com/campaign/iastatedu/colonnadesclub2023)

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## Delta U Remembers...

William Heine '60 passed away on May 31st, 2022:  
[www.dahlfuneralhome.com/obituary/william-heine](http://www.dahlfuneralhome.com/obituary/william-heine)

Richard D. Snyder '52 passed away on March 5th, 2023:  
[www.thegazette.com/obituaries/richard-d-snyder](http://www.thegazette.com/obituaries/richard-d-snyder)

Lawrence Kerr '65 passed away on March 16th, 2023:  
[www.cedarmemorial.com/Obituary/2023/Mar/Lawrence-Kerr](http://www.cedarmemorial.com/Obituary/2023/Mar/Lawrence-Kerr)

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.

### Remember your deceased brother...

We remember our DU brothers from ISU throughout our lives. We maintain some of those relationships far beyond our years in Ames. How do we recognize brothers when they pass? You may make a memorial donation

in their names via our Colonnades Campaign 2023. Use the enclosed envelope or our campaign site:

[www.memberplanet.com/campaign/iastatedu/colonnadesclub2023](http://www.memberplanet.com/campaign/iastatedu/colonnadesclub2023)

Our Memorial Courtyard includes an engraved brick for DU's donating \$500 or more. Families have dedicated bricks for their loved one. Brothers have joined together to fund a brick for their lost brother. We encourage you to support Colonnades and help sustain Delta Upsilon for future generations.



*Alumni and undergraduates gather around the Delta Upsilon Memorial Courtyard at 117 Ash*

