

# DOC DAVIS MEMORIAL NEWSLETTER

PENN STATE DELTA UPSILON  
FALL 2024



*Seeing How Far We've Come*

## UPDATE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As the leaves fall and another Penn State football season nears its end, I find myself drawn to State College, soaking in its vibrant energy. Between the games and familiar haunts, I often reflect on how best to serve our DU brotherhood—both alumni and undergraduates.

To those visiting town for any reason, I encourage you to stop by the Chapter House. Even a simple walk around the grounds can reconnect you with cherished memories and offer valuable insight. The Alumni Board of Directors has worked tirelessly to enhance the DU experience, ensuring stability and growth for future generations.

Our active brothers are eager to meet alumni and share their experiences. They value the wisdom and stories of those who came before them, and they genuinely seek to build lasting connections. Your presence—whether to offer advice, share a fond memory, or assess the house's needs—is invaluable. Together, we can continue to maintain and improve our cherished home.

This season also marks a time of transition for our undergraduate brothers, as they hold elections to choose the leaders who will guide DU into the spring semester. Their dedication and pride in carrying the DU name are evident, and I am confident they will continue to make us proud.

I am deeply grateful for the commitment and contributions of both our alumni and undergraduates. Together, we have fostered a legacy of excellence and camaraderie. Let's build on this momentum, ensuring DU remains a source of pride and brotherhood for years to come.

Fraternally,  
**Ryan Mullin '11**  
President  
Penn State Delta Upsilon Alumni Corporation

## CELEBRATING BROTHERHOOD

### RECAPPING RECENT DELTA UPSILON ALUMNI EVENTS

This fall, Penn State Chapter of Delta Upsilon hosted two alumni gatherings that highlighted the enduring strength of our brotherhood. These events not only provided opportunities to reconnect but also reinforced the important role alumni play in supporting the Chapter.

On October 5, alumni returned to State College for Homecoming as Penn State faced Illinois. Alumni gathered outside Beaver Stadium for pregame festivities. It was a vibrant atmosphere, filled with laughter and memories, as brothers united to celebrate our recent successes as well as the rich history of DU.

The following week, **Brett Eiseman '92** organized an away game watch party at Locust Lane Brewery in Malvern for the PSU vs. USC game. Alumni from the greater Philadelphia area came together to cheer on the Nittany Lions in a spirited and relaxed setting. The Locust Lane Brewery, owned by alumni **Tom Arnold '95**, **Bryan Brockson '96**, and **Jason Cartwright '96**, has proven to be a wonderful space to reconnect and expand our alumni network.

These gatherings exemplified the strength and camaraderie that define our fraternity. Whether on campus or across the state, they reminded us of the value of staying connected and supporting one another. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make these events so memorable. We look forward to more opportunities to gather and celebrate our DU brotherhood!



*Alumni gather for a Homecoming tailgate before the Penn State vs. Illinois game.*



*Brothers Craig Hillwig '90, Brett Eiseman '92, Greg Miscio '90, and John D'Antonio '93 gather at Locust Lane Brewery for a PSU watch party.*

Delta Upsilon at Penn State has had a remarkable period marked by significant achievements, exceptional academic performance, robust philanthropy, and active campus involvement.

### LEADERSHIP AND ACHIEVEMENTS

One of our most significant milestones this year has been the nomination of our former chapter president, **Austin Parisi '23**, as the IFC president for Penn State University. This prestigious nomination is a testament to Austin's leadership skills, dedication, and the respect he has garnered both within the chapter and across the broader campus community. The entire chapter is proud of Austin's accomplishment, which also serves as a reflection of the values and standards upheld by Delta Upsilon.

### ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Our members consistently prioritize academic success alongside their extracurricular activities. Our chapter maintains a high cumulative GPA, demonstrating the importance we place on scholarship and intellectual growth. Study sessions, peer mentorship programs, and academic resources provided within the chapter help members achieve their personal academic goals while contributing to the chapter's overall scholastic achievements.

### PHILANTHROPY AND THON INVOLVEMENT

Philanthropy remains a cornerstone of our chapter's mission, with a strong focus on supporting THON, Penn State's annual 46-hour dance marathon dedicated to raising awareness and funds for pediatric cancer. This year, Delta Upsilon has intensified its fundraising efforts and is striving to be among the top contributors to THON.

#### Our Chapter's participation in THON includes a variety of fundraising and community-building events:

- 5K Runs: Brothers have actively participated in THON 5K runs, which not only raise money but also promote health and wellness within the Chapter.
- Dunk Tank Event: We hosted a THON Dunk Tank event, inviting the campus community to engage in a fun activity while supporting a meaningful cause.
- Wiffle Ball Tournament: Organizing a THON Wiffle Ball game added an element of friendly competition and camaraderie, drawing participation from both our members and the wider Penn State community.
- Pumpkin Carving with Delta Gamma: To foster strong partnerships and collaborative spirit, we hosted a pumpkin carving event with our sorority partner, Delta Gamma. This event brought members closer while contributing to THON's overarching mission.
- Supporting THON Families: Beyond fundraising, our Chapter is dedicated to supporting our THON families on a personal level. Members regularly visit them, send thoughtful gifts, and maintain communication to show unwavering support.
- You can learn more in our digital THON newsletter: [duthonnewsletter.my.canva.site](mailto:duthonnewsletter.my.canva.site)

### CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT

Delta Upsilon brothers are deeply involved in various campus organizations, clubs, and leadership positions beyond our fraternity. This engagement enriches the college experience for members and strengthens Delta Upsilon's presence on campus. Participation in student government, academic clubs, and leadership in other student organizations exemplifies our commitment to broadening our influence and fostering connections across the university.

### WHITE OUT WEEKEND TAILGATE

In the spirit of fostering strong connections across generations, Delta Upsilon hosted an alumni tailgate during the highly anticipated White Out Weekend. This event was a highlight of the semester, bringing together brothers past and present to celebrate the Chapter's legacy and unity. The tailgate reinforced the importance of maintaining close ties with alumni, who continue to support and inspire the Chapter through their experiences and involvement.

Delta Upsilon at Penn State continues to uphold its mission of fostering academic excellence, philanthropy, and leadership within and beyond the university. The brotherhood remains committed to maintaining these standards of achievement, service, and personal development as we build future successes.

Fraternally,  
**Connor Pavlitsa '26**  
President



*DUs strengthen their bonds at a Chapter retreat.*

*Christopher Clark '25,  
Tucker Kush '26, and  
JP Wright '26 on the green  
after a round of golf.*

# Congratulations to Austin Parisi '23 on his IFC presidency!



## ALUMNI NEWS

**James J. Kennedy Jr. '62** retired from Utah State University and is now a rancher in the Bryce Canyon area. He and his wife, Kathy, also have a winter home in Cedar City, Utah. Email: [kathyandjim.kennedy@gmail.com](mailto:kathyandjim.kennedy@gmail.com)

**Michael Mastil '64** has been retired for 10 years and enjoys golf. He lives in Mount Laurel, N.J. Email: [mmastil@yahoo.com](mailto:mmastil@yahoo.com)

**Dr. Richard Craybas '67** lives in Marcellus, N.Y., and travels to Italy once a year. He enjoys following PSU sports and spending time with his four grandchildren. Email: [racraybas@gmail.com](mailto:racraybas@gmail.com)

**Paul Hubert '68** and his wife, Carol, are enjoying retirement as snowbirds: six months in Savannah, Ga., and the rest of the time in Connecticut or traveling. Their daughter lives in Frisco, Colo. Paul tries to stay active with bike riding, skiing, and plenty of golf. Email: [prhubert@aol.com](mailto:prhubert@aol.com)

**Paul Astleford '69** is enjoying retirement in the Blue Ridge Mountains in Georgia. He plays golf with church friends and neighbors and enjoys fishing on Lake Nottely. "Come and join us on our pontoon boat for the gorgeous sunset cruises. Can't imagine what a reunion of our 1965-69 gang would be like. Wishing you all happy and healthy lives until the end!" Email: [pastle7272@gmail.com](mailto:pastle7272@gmail.com)



## MORE THAN A PARTY HOUSE

*Tim Zanaras '20  
Grows with DU*

In his first semester of recruitment, **Tim Zanaras '20** received bids from two fraternities. He declined both after careful thought, deciding he didn't feel a pull toward either one. Soon after, Tim was roommates with a DU brother who invited him to the Chapter House.

"I immediately knew Delta Upsilon was where I wanted to be," he said. "The atmosphere and friendliness of the brotherhood turned a difficult decision into an easy one."

DU taught Tim that fraternities could be much more than parties and popularity contests. Embracing leadership roles helped him develop, teaching him to speak to large groups and lead them toward specific goals. Tim's year as Chapter president resulted in two of his hardest yet most rewarding semesters at Penn State. "Given my large workload as an energy engineering student, I had to learn how to balance school and fraternity life."



*Tim Zanaras '20 and his executive board go out for dinner to celebrate the end of their terms.*

So far, that balance is paying off: Tim recently finished his third year at the construction management company SiteLogIQ. There, Tim and his fellow engineers work mostly in school districts around Pennsylvania to provide better facilities for students. His proudest accomplishment to date is passing his FE exam, which grants him state recognition as an engineer-in-training. "It's a small step toward becoming an accomplished engineer, but one I'm proud of!"

Tim loved his DU years so much that he joined the Alumni Board of Directors to help future brothers love their time as well. He's now in his second year-long term as vice president of undergraduate affairs, following a year as an undergraduate advisor to the Chapter. He looks forward to giving back as a board member for the foreseeable future.

Today, Tim lives in Newtown, Pennsylvania, where he enjoys spending time outdoors with friends. He especially loves the fall season, when he can cheer for both the Eagles and Penn State football. In addition to his board work, Tim is in a fantasy football league with multiple brothers from his college years. "It's a great way to stay in touch with guys whose lives and jobs have taken them all across the country," he said.

**Connect with Tim at [timzanaras@gmail.com](mailto:timzanaras@gmail.com).**

### TIM'S ADVICE TO UNDERGRADUATES

"People often talk about focusing on 'the light at the end of the tunnel.' This is usually during a difficult time when you just want to put your head down and focus on the goal. Someone once told me not to focus on the light so much that I trip over a track on the railway. In other words, not to be so focused on my end goals that I don't focus on the smaller, daily steps forward. I think this applies greatly as brothers apply for internships and prepare to join the workforce. It's OK to be excited about your major goals, but make sure you focus on what you can do today to make your goals happen."

# Undergraduate News Inside!



Brothers at the Oktoberfest event.

## See You Next Year!

Be sure to check your email, our website, and social media for updates on future alumni events!



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with DU at Penn State**

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subject line and we'll record it for next  
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with Delta Upsilon!

## Thank You, Generous Brothers!

### More than \$8,500 Raised in 2024

As this first year for our *Penn State Annual Giving* campaign comes to an end, we give thanks to the alumni who made this effort a success. Your support ensures a stronger future for Delta Upsilon at Penn State.

To make a difference in 2025, please consider joining us at [supportdu.causevox.com](http://supportdu.causevox.com). Your gifts impact our brotherhood by ensuring we can keep you connected as alumni while providing opportunities for our collegiate members. Thank you for your support!



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