

DOC DAVIS MEMORIAL NEWSLETTER

PENN STATE DELTA UPSILON
FALL 2025



A SEASON OF BROTHERHOOD AND RENEWAL

Reflecting, Reconnecting, and Looking Ahead

As fall wraps up and holidays draw near, it's a fitting time to reflect on all that makes Delta Upsilon at Penn State so special. Our undergraduate Chapter is preparing for executive board elections, ushering in a new generation of leaders ready to uphold our proud traditions and strengthen the brotherhood for years to come.

Meanwhile, the alumni board continues its work behind the scenes to preserve and enhance the Delta Upsilon experience. From navigating borough concerns to improving communication and alumni engagement, we remain confident in the path ahead and grateful for the ongoing support of our alumni network.

The new year will bring exciting milestones, including early plans for our 115th Founders Day celebration, which will be a momentous occasion honoring more than a century of friendship, character, and shared purpose. Stay tuned for event details and ways to get involved as the celebration takes shape!

Through every challenge and every triumph, one thing has remained constant: our brotherhood. Whether it's alumni mentoring undergraduates or brothers reconnecting after years apart, the sense of unity within DU continues to shine.

As we reflect on our recent "Movember" activities, we also take this time to recognize

the importance of men's health awareness. This season of giving, I encourage all brothers to take a moment to check in on yourselves, your family, and your fellow DUs. A quick conversation or message can go a long way in strengthening the bonds that make this fraternity so meaningful.

Wishing you and your loved ones a joyous holiday season.

Fraternally,
Ryan Mullin '11
President
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BACK AT 229 LOCUST LANE

Alumni Share Stories and Enjoy Fellowship

On October 11, a small group of alumni brothers returned to the old house for an informal visit, spending the morning catching up and reminiscing about their time together at 229 Locust Lane. Stories were told, laughs were shared, and memories from across the decades came flooding back.

Although attendees represented more than 40 years of Delta Upsilon history, a special thanks goes out to the dedicated crew from the 1970s who showed up in force. Their presence was a reminder that while years may pass, the bonds of brotherhood remain timeless.

Fraternally,
Jason Pitts '93



Ralph Winterburn '60 is splitting his retirement between his Pittsburgh and Dade City, Fla., residences. Email: winterburn2@verizon.net

William Pascoli '66 is enjoying life and his three children and six grandchildren from his home in Pittsburgh, Pa. Email: billpascoli@yahoo.com

Thomas Ventresca '68 has been retired since 2000 and still contributes stock market content to his company, MarketEdge.com. He resides in St Augustine, Fla. Email: mrvee_98@yahoo.com

Richard P. Yeager '96 has a daughter, Ellie, who is a senior at University Park. His son, Will, is enjoying his freshman year at Penn State Altoona. Richard lives in Phoenixville, Pa. Email: ryeager@its.jnj.com

Nicholas Perisse '11 was married in 2024 and welcomed his first child this year. He is a video supervisor for Doran Products and has over a decade of experience in the aftermarket auto parts industry. The family lives in Phoenixville, Pa. Email: sageperisse@gmail.com

Chapter Goals

Strengthen Academic Excellence

Through structured study hours, peer mentorship between upperclassmen and new members, and incentives for academic improvement, we're committed to raising our cumulative GPA and reinforcing that academics come first.

Deepen Community Engagement

We plan to strengthen our presence in the State College community through consistent service and outreach. Our goal is to lead with integrity and give back to the community that supports us.

Broaden Philanthropic Impact

While THON remains a cornerstone of our service, we're expanding our efforts through additional philanthropy initiatives throughout the year by organizing smaller fundraisers, collaborating with other student organizations, and supporting causes meaningful to our brothers.

Growth and Excellence

George Prutzman '13 on His DU Experience and Career



Coming from a family of Penn State Delta Upsilon, up to his great-grandfather, **George Prutzman '13** was encouraged, but never forced, to check out the DU house.

"During the first recruitment event I attended, I had experienced a type of warm welcome from alumni representatives and an enthusiasm from my fellow undergrads that I hadn't experienced at other fraternities I visited," he recalled.

"Over the years after I joined the fraternity, any sort of fun or positive experience that I relayed with my family was met with an air of familiarity, in the sense that even though a lot of things will change, some things will remain the same."

George has fond memories of participating in charity events as an undergraduate, such as fundraising for THON annually. "One year, we participated in a Relay for Life event at the Spikes baseball stadium, which helped me get to know some of the newer brothers who had joined the fraternity."

In his career, George has worked for several companies that produce advanced RF electronics. "If you think about companies like Raytheon or Northrop Grumman, they have a giant network of sub-tier suppliers in order to

build things for the military. I've worked within this network for the last 10 years or so."

George worked at Carlisle Interconnect Technologies, which specialized in high-frequency, highly durable coaxial cable, before moving to Spectrum Control, which makes electronics for both commercial and aerospace/defense applications.

"The most satisfying part of working in my industry is seeing our products in action," George shared. "Every so often, the news will have a story of a military defense system or a live feed of a new satellite launch. Despite contributing to a very small part of these incredibly advanced systems, it still puts a smile on my face knowing I had some part in these monumental feats of technology."

"DU has set a high standard in instilling and cultivating excellence in its members. As such, I try to bring that level of excellence into the workplace. Given the kind of work I'm in, doing just enough for the bare minimum is not, in fact, the bare minimum. The quality and functionality of the products we develop and produce need to be at a world-class level."

In his free time, George enjoys golfing ("which I do rather poorly") and fishing ("which I do slightly less poorly"). Spending time with his almost 2-year-old niece and 3-year-old nephew brings him joy. George also always looks forward to an annual beach trip with his DU brothers.

You can connect with George at georgeprutzman@gmail.com.

"The growth I made before and after joining DU was night and day."

DU Memorabilia

"I've inherited a fair amount of DU family heirlooms, and I think my favorite one is a DU tie that belonged to my great-grandfather. I don't dare wear it at weddings (especially DU weddings), but I'm happy to wear it for formal events like Founders Day dinners."



Brothers enjoying our fall date party in October.



Brothers attending the Delta Upsilon Leadership Institute. Pictured: Ryan Mullin '11, Nicholas Larche '27, Luke Lengel '28, Magnus Fencil '28, Danny Kozak '28, and Tim Zanaras '20.



Austin Parisi '26, Sid Astrachan '26, Cooper Slavin '26, Paul Cosentino '26, Segismundo Gutierrez '26, and Ean Morrison '26 dress to impress for a wedding with Kappa Alpha Theta.



Brothers participate in the THON 5K race on October 26 at the Bryce Jordan Center. Pictured: Bradford Berger '26, Connor Pavlista '26, Sean Smith '26, Tucker Kush '26, and Mack Imm '26.



Sophomores gather in Montreal for Oktoberfest. Pictured: Luke Hanuscin, Benjamin Davenport, Nick Giardina, Timothy Saad, Michael Mariniello, Magnus Fencil, Adrian Caba, Luke Holtzman, and Levi Sharnezka.

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Welcome, Fall 2025 New Members

Ben Davenport
Jack Defusco
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The Kind of Man You'd Stand Beside

Think of the men you'd trust
in your corner—the ones who...

- show up**
- lead by example**
- make others better**

That's the kind of man we're looking
for to join Delta Upsilon at Penn State.
If you know a young man who fits that
description, we want to meet him!

Please send his info to **Tim Zanaras**
'20 at timzanares@gmail.com so we
can get in touch and show him what
our brotherhood is all about. Be sure to
include his name, year in school, email,
and why you think he'll be a good fit.

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*There is a vacancy for a 2026-27 term!
Contact Ryan at rpm5103@gmail.com
if you are interested in serving.

THANK YOU, Loyal Donors

As we close out the year, we extend our heartfelt thanks to the alumni and friends who generously gave \$10,837 to Delta Upsilon in 2025. Your contributions make it possible to preserve our proud legacy and strengthen the undergraduate experience for generations to come. If you haven't yet made your gift, please consider including the Chapter in your end-of-year or 2026 giving. Every contribution at supportdu.causevox.com helps keep our brotherhood strong!



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