

# DOC DAVIS MEMORIAL NEWSLETTER

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## A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

### Your Support Allows Us to Improve Our Home

As the newly elected president of Penn State Delta Upsilon Alumni Corporation, I am excited to share some fantastic developments within our fraternity and to ask for your continued support in nurturing the growth and success of our Chapter.

This past year has been remarkable for Delta Upsilon. We have seen a significant increase in membership, welcoming a new pledge class that embodies the values and traditions that define our brotherhood. These young men are not only excelling academically but are also actively involved in various campus organizations, demonstrating leadership and a commitment to service that makes us proud.

Our Chapter House has also undergone some much-needed improvements. Thanks to generous contributions from alumni, we have been able to keep up our beautiful and unique Chapter House and make improvements. Some of the projects we have recently completed or are in the process of completing include expanding and upkeeping our parking lot, repairing the kitchen floor due to residual water damage, retiling the bathrooms, trimming trees, installing bunk beds, repairing windows, and other general upgrades. These summer projects come after creating and improving a weight room (off the party room) and installing turf in the backyard (between DU and Cedar Brook Apartments). The condition of the house is improving as well as the trajectory of our undergraduate brothers.

These enhancements not only provide a better living experience for our brothers but also help attract new members who see the tangible benefits of joining our fraternity. However, to sustain and build on these achievements, we need your continued support. Whether through financial contributions or volunteering your time, your involvement is crucial. Your generosity enables us to maintain the high standards of Penn State DU and ensure that future generations of brothers have the resources and opportunities they need to succeed.

Please consider donating to our Chapter fund or volunteering in some capacity. Together, we can ensure that Delta Upsilon remains a staple of the Greek system at Penn State.

Thank you for your unwavering support and commitment to our brotherhood.

Fraternally,  
**Ryan Mullin '11**

President, Delta Upsilon Alumni Chapter



## Thank You, Loyal Brothers

### We Value Your Support

Earlier this year, we kicked off our *Penn State Annual Giving* campaign to support brotherhood programming and communications. We'd like to thank the brothers who have contributed to the campaign so far in 2024. Their support ensures a stronger future for Delta Upsilon at Penn State.

Please consider joining your brothers and giving back to our Chapter. Doing so will positively impact our brotherhood by ensuring we can keep providing opportunities for our collegiate members and keep alumni like you connected.

### *Thank you for your support!*

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## A MEMORABLE YEAR

### Delta Upsilon Remains Committed to Philanthropy and Brotherhood

This year has been an incredible journey for Delta Upsilon marked by notable achievements, impactful philanthropy, and memorable brotherhood events. Our dedication to community service, sportsmanship, and fostering strong brotherhood bonds has been truly inspiring.

#### THON SUCCESS

One of our most significant accomplishments was our participation in THON 2024. DU raised an impressive \$133,778 (finishing Top 5), demonstrating our commitment to supporting children and families affected by childhood cancer. We were honored to win the Best Letters award, a testament to our creativity and spirit. Thirteen of our brothers stood for the full 46 hours, showcasing their dedication and resilience. Notable participants included **Nicholas Sherwood**, **Dustin Zeller '25**, **Charlie Nino '25**, and **Thomas Miro '25**, among many others. THON was an amazing experience for everyone involved.

In addition to our fundraising efforts, we organized a surprise birthday celebration for one of our THON kids, Kaylahni Laboy, at a local bowling alley on March 24. This event brought immense joy to Kaylahni and reinforced the strong bond we share with our THON families. We also hosted a whiffle ball and cornhole tournament with our THON partner, Delta Gamma. Brothers could purchase hot dogs, burgers, and water, with all proceeds going to THON.

#### BROTHERHOOD ACHIEVEMENTS

Our Chapter also excelled in sports, winning first place in the softball tournament in the spring with an undefeated record of 3-0. This victory was a proud moment for our team and highlighted our competitive spirit and teamwork. Additionally, we organized a 3-on-3 basketball tournament, which fostered friendly competition and camaraderie among our members.

The spring semester was filled with various brotherhood events, culminating in our formal on April 26. The Hollywood-themed event was a spectacular evening, with a significant turnout from our brothers. We also hosted Parents Weekend on April 20, providing a wonderful opportunity for our parents to tour our house and experience the DU brotherhood firsthand.

Our philanthropy efforts continued with the Dogs and Deltas event, where we enjoyed the beautiful spring weather with some furry friends on our backyard turf. This event was not only fun but also strengthened our sense of community.

Spring break also held exciting moments for DU. Many brothers went across the world to experience the cultures and practices of different countries.

#### WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS AND CELEBRATING SENIORS

This spring, we welcomed a new class eager to contribute to our Chapter's success. We are excited to see the roles they will take on and the impact they will have on our fraternity. We ended the year with our Senior Sendoff, a heartfelt celebration of the memories shared with our graduating seniors. We wish them luck and success as they embark on their next journeys.

In summary, the 2023-24 academic year was an extraordinary period for Delta Upsilon at Penn State. Our achievements in philanthropy, sports, and brotherhood events have solidified our standing as a strong and vibrant community. We look forward to continuing this legacy of excellence in the years to come.

Fraternally,  
**Duncan Nam '25**  
President



*Members gather for our senior sendoff. Congratulations to our recent graduates!*



*Everyone had a great time at formal.*



# Committed to a Strong Future for PSU DU

## 2024 Annual Membership Meeting Recap

On Saturday, June 22, several PSU DU alumni gathered for the general membership meeting at Locust Lane Craft Brewery in Malvern, Pennsylvania. This meeting was marked by a spirit of camaraderie and commitment to the fraternity's future, as members came together to conduct important business and elect new leadership. The Locust Lane Craft Brewery was founded by three 1990s alumni: **Tom Arnold '95**, **Jason Cartwright '96**, and **Bryan Brockson '96**.

The primary agenda of the meeting was the election of new board members. After a thorough and thoughtful process, brothers **Brett Eiseman '92** and **Jason Pitts '92** were elected to the board while **Tim Zanaras '20**, **Basil Pinzone '11**, and **Brenden Finn '12** retained their seats with new three-year terms. **Justin Robinson '11** later joined the board as an appointment to fill out the two remaining years for **Bill Woska '12**. Brother Woska is stepping down from the board due to family commitments, and we thank him for his years of service and his leadership as president during the past year. The election and appointment of new members signifies a fresh wave of enthusiasm and dedication to the fraternity's ongoing success and initiatives.

Following the general election, the newly formed board convened to elect officers. In this subsequent meeting, **Ryan Mullin '11** was chosen as the new president of the board. Ryan's election as president reflects the trust and confidence that his fellow brothers have in his leadership abilities and vision for the fraternity.

The meeting was not only about elections but also served as a valuable opportunity for members to reconnect and discuss the fraternity's

progress and plans. The choice of Locust Lane Craft Brewery as the venue added a casual and enjoyable backdrop for these discussions, enhancing the sense of brotherhood and community.

Throughout the event, attendees reflected on DU's achievements and goals while catching up with each other's lives over the past few years. The elections and subsequent officer appointments are pivotal in steering the direction of the Chapter, and the members left the meeting with a renewed sense of purpose and unity.

Our Chapter remains committed to fostering leadership, academic excellence, and lifelong friendships while maintaining a strong presence at Penn State. The successful meeting is a testament to the fraternity's strong foundation and bright future.



*Alumni enjoying their time together at Locust Lane Brewery.*

## Flying High

### SEAN KERN '90 TALKS SERVICE AND BROTHERHOOD

Penn State is a large university, so for **Sean Kern '90**, finding a way to make it a bit smaller was his main priority. "The fraternity system seemed a good option for turning 40,000 students into a more manageable 100," he recalled. During his first semester in the dorms, Sean heard about the fraternity experience from other men on his floor and decided to take the plunge.

After joining Delta Upsilon, Sean appreciated that the brotherly bond wasn't because the members knew something other people didn't; it was a result of their character. "I was proud of DU for being a melting pot of all different types," he said. "We represented the diversity of Penn State, and I respected how well everyone supported each other."

Sean needed that support as he transitioned from student to professional. "I was in a bad accident the summer after my sophomore year and couldn't work a job. After using my savings to pay for my fifth semester, I had to leave. After weighing options, I decided to enlist in the Air Force."

Sean knew a couple of brothers who had served in the military, got their GI Bill, and went back to college, so he decided to enlist. "At the end of the day, the Air Force was the most impressive to me."

After enlisting in December 1990, Sean went to basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas. "Leadership opportunities I was given in the Chapter House put me in charge of important things early on in my life," he shared. "During basic training, I was made dorm chief, which made me responsible for almost 60 men. Typically, dorm chiefs don't last long, but I never got fired. I could not have done that without the lessons I learned from DU."

**"I've met thousands of airmen, soldiers, and Marines, but when I think about my friends, the Delta Upsilon brothers are first in my heart."**

Sean's first duty station was in Australia, where he met his now-wife of 32 years. In the 30 years since, Sean has had a myriad of command assignments, including a detachment in Germany, a squadron in Kandahar, Afghanistan, and a cyberspace operations group in San Antonio. "I was deployed to Iraq in 2003 and, most recently, commanded one of only two cyberspace wings in the United States Air Force, which included 3,200 people in nine different locations spread from Hawaii to Maryland." In September, Sean will retire after 34 years of service to his country. "It was only



supposed to be four years, but the Air Force kept giving us terrific opportunities every step of the way."

Throughout his time abroad, Sean remained committed to Delta Upsilon. He served on the alumni board of directors for several years and got to meet brothers from various decades. Over the years, he's found new ways to stay in touch. "We now pick one Penn State game a year that we all try to go to," he said. "Several of us have RVs, and we enjoy tailgating together."

Sean and Angie recently moved to Williamsburg, Virginia, to be close to their daughters, Amber and Caitlin, and granddaughter, Aubreigh. After a summer off, Sean will begin a new job working in the defense sector in September.

**If you'd like to contact Sean, you can send an email to [sean.c.kern@gmail.com](mailto:sean.c.kern@gmail.com).**



# Did You Hear the News?

This winter, we kicked off our *Penn State Annual Giving* campaign! Brothers have already stepped up and given to the campaign, which supports brotherhood programming and communications. Will you join them?



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*Stay tuned for more details!*

## ALUMNI NEWS

**Dean Harbold '52** recently turned 93 and remains busy. He resides in Laguna Beach, Calif., and has a second home in Three Rivers, Calif., near Sequoia National Park. He shares that the big fire in Sequoia Park three years ago came within two miles of his house. Ever since, he has been weed-eating at least four acres around the houses to hopefully keep the fires away. "This keeps me healthy and fit."  
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**Robert N. Pursell '65** retired from his medical practice after spending over 40 years in the subspecialty of nephrology and functioning as chief of nephrology at St. Luke's Hospital in Bethlehem, Pa., for over 15 years. He enjoys traveling and watching the Nittany Lions football team on TV. He resides in Bethlehem.

**John Eisenhard '69** retired from the financial services business at the end of 2018 after 40 years with Mass Mutual. He and his wife spend most of their time in Vail, Colo., and a few months in Easton, Pa. They enjoy visiting their six grandchildren who live in Middletown, Mo., and Colorado Springs, Colo. The rest of their time is spent traveling or volunteering in Vail. "Life is good. I get together with some of my DU brothers for a drink now and then and remember our DU/PSU days."  
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**Randall "Jake" Jacobs '71** shares, "Despite last year's winter (about soft snow), I still consider the North Lake Tahoe region the place to be for me." He resides in Truckee, Calif.

**Andrew Barnes '83** lives on Mt. Washington in Pittsburgh, Pa. He sees **Ned Eldridge '78** and **Chet Zuchelli '84** frequently.  
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**Keith J. Steen '87** loved his time at DU, even though he was only at PSU for a short time. "I'll always remember how much fun I had and the people I met and still keep in touch with." He resides in Peachtree City, Ga. Email: ksteen@pfmoon.com

**Marc Jankowski '11** recently traveled to Europe with his wife (whom he met at a DU social) to attend her roommate's wedding in France. He also had a great "brocation" with brothers in Dewey Beach, Del. Marc resides in York, Pa. Email: marc.jankowski@abcsupply.com

**Raymond "Remy" Chappetta '14** recently joined the U.S. Department of Transportation as a program analyst within the Federal Highway Administration. He plays a role in administering the billions of dollars of the 2021 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. In his free time, he is active in the arts communities in the D.C. area. He lives in Silver Spring, Md.  
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