



Delta Delta Data

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Brotherhood Dinner Draws Big Crowd

The 2019 version of the annual Brotherhood Dinner had over 30 alumni in attendance along with 70 undergraduates in what turned out to be a great night of storytelling, recognition and fellowship.

The main event for the evening was honoring Jay Andrew '98, Delta Delta's Chapter Advisor for the past ten years, with the Ben Taylor Award. This award is Delta Delta's highest honor for service to the chapter.

Jerry Nelson, who serves as the Director of Sigma Chi & Special Projects for the Huntsman Foundation, spoke about the commitment Sigma Chi has made to support cancer research through the Huntsman Foundation. Through Derby Days events held by the Sigma Chi undergraduate chapters across the country almost \$2 million have been raised. Delta Delta through their Derby Days events has raised over \$20,000 each of the past two years.

It is always rewarding to see the interaction of our alumni and our younger brothers. Both enjoy hearing stories about the house, present and past. As the alumni go through the Good of the Order, it is inspiring to hear how much Sigma Chi has meant to them and their hope that future generations of Sigs find it just as fulfilling. *See Brotherhood Dinner Page 3*



A proud family legacy: Tom Andrew '03, Jay Andrew '98 and Jim Andrew '71

Andrew Receives Ben Taylor Award

Jay Andrew '98 was honored at this year's Brotherhood Dinner with Delta Delta's highest honor for service to our chapter, the Ben Taylor Award. This award was created in 2015 to recognize brothers who have contributed significantly to Delta Delta with their time, talents and treasurers. Jay was recognized for giving unselfishly of his time and talents by serving from 2008 to 2018 as Delta Delta's chapter advisor.

Phil Steele '77 stated, "As someone who has also lived the life of a Chapter Advisor, I can truly speak of the dedication and commitment shown by Jay in filling the role of mentor to our younger brothers.

The late night calls, the occasional visit to the Dean's office, and the willingness to attend numerous chapter meetings and events, endeared Jay to his younger brothers."

Rajiv Samagond, Consul in 2016 wrote, "Jay has been one of the most impactful mentors to all of the brothers here at Delta Delta. He was continuously able to bridge the gap between various groups - whether it was the undergraduates, alumni, the university, or Sigma Chi nationals. As opposed to pushing a particular point of view, he was able to convince and inspire the chapter to do what was right. What I appreciated most was being able to come to him *See Ben Taylor Award Page 3*



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I believe in fairness, decency, and good manners. I will endeavor to retain the spirit of youth. I will try to make my college, the Sigma Chi Fraternity, and my own chapter more honored by all men and women and more beloved and honestly respected by our own brothers. I say these words in all sincerity that Sigma Chi has given me favor and distinction: that I will endeavor to so build myself and so conduct myself that I will ever be a credit to our Fraternity.

George Ade ΔΔ 1887

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Consul's Corner Wesley Middleton '20

We are pleased to announce that Delta Delta has enjoyed yet another successful school year.

We initiated 27 exceptional new members into our brotherhood in October. Our Post-Initiation Training program emphasized the importance of our Chapter's long-standing tradition of success, and encouraged all our new initiates to get involved and make an impact in the Chapter and on Campus. They have proven to be great asset to our Chapter, and achieved an impressive 3.13 pledge class GPA.

The chapter's philanthropic efforts were recognized this year at the Indiana State Day Conference where we received the Richard E. Hester Philanthropic Award for our efforts in community service. We raised over \$8,000 for Riley's Children Hospital through the Purdue University Dance Marathon and we partnered with the Lafayette Urban Ministry for our fourth annual Jubilee Christmas where we provided toys, gift cards, and food to 20 families in the Lafayette community. Derby Days raises funds to support the Huntsman Cancer Institute. This year we reached our goal of by raising over \$20,000 for the second year in a row.

The chapter was also recognized at the Interfraternity Council awards ceremony where they announced that Seth Gutwein '19 was selected Leader of the Year, and Bryce Cirbo '19 was chosen as both Brother of the Year and Man of the Year. We would also like to recognize

Drew Greene '19 as our Province Balfour nominee. His academic and other achievements reflected well on Delta Delta at State Day.

The chapter just hosted the 28th Annual Brotherhood Dinner where over 30 alumni brothers returned to help us honor former Chapter Advisor Jay Andrew '98. Jay was presented the Ben Taylor Award for his ongoing commitment to Delta Delta as our Chapter Advisor for the past 10 years.



Spencer Meridith in Cart #99 leads the other Sigma Chi Cart #9 driven by Scott Nettrour.

Grand Prix week is always a fun time around 202. We qualified two carts for the race this year. Our #99 cart driven by Spencer Meredith '18 took 6th place and our #9 cart driven by Scott Nettrour '21 finished 15th.

Delta Delta is truly a special Chapter, and the undergraduate brothers are constantly inspired by the accomplishments of our alumni. This year five Delta Delta brothers, David R. Mead '52, Robert G. Kaley II '68, David Craig '69, William L. Townsend '75, and Steven D. Cosler '77 received the Significant Sig Award.

We hope to see many of you back for the upcoming golf outing and at football games in the Fall.

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Alumni and undergraduate brothers gather in front of Delta Delta prior to the 28th Annual Brotherhood Dinner.

Brotherhood Dinner continued

Through the efforts of Consul Wes Middleton '20, Alumni Relations Chairman Bryce Cirbo '19, Butch Brose '09 and Phil Steele '77 all the arrangements were made to welcome our guests. The chapter house looked great and the Great Hall was

set up to accommodate the 100+ brothers.

Delta Delta's chef did an outstanding job of preparing a wonderful meal of filet mignon, shrimp, vegetables, salad and dessert. The kitchen crew, led by Mitch Brown

and Cooper Gramling, made sure everything was served on time.

The evening concluded with a less than stellar rendition of "My Name is Sigma Chi". This may be the only thing we need to improve on for next year's dinner. [Read More....](#)

Ben Taylor Award ... continued

with any issue and know I had his support regardless of the situation. Jay's impact will forever stay with the house and all of us who had the pleasure of working with him!"

Phil Steele '77, who, along with Chapter Advisor Nate Gustus '05, presented the award to Jay further noted, "At one time I heard the average tenure of Chapter Advisor for Sigma Chi was 18 months. For Jay to serve in this role for 10 years is a tribute to Jay's love and concern for the young men under his charge."

Jim Andrew '71 and Tom Andrew '03 both commented on Jay's accomplishments. Jim reflected on the Andrew's family's long Sigma Chi legacy going back to 1899. Jim presented Jay with his EX pin that had been used in several initiations beginning in 1917. Tom remembers Jay as the older brother who always set the right

example most of the time. Former consuls, Greg Burns '14 and Mark Back '13 also commented on how well Jay kept things in perspective as he helped the chapter make the right decisions. Concluding the remarks was Jay's pledge brother, Steve Boyce '98, who reflected on how Jay had always shown leadership from his early days at Purdue and how rewarding it was to be part of their pledge class.

Max Long '16, Delta Delta's consul in 2015 wrote, "I think Jay's impact started for most of us at the Alumni Rush Event. For those of you that have never been to that



Jay Andrew (L) with Pledge Brothers (L-R) Scott Fisher, Craig Kunkle, Jeff Olson, Pat Drewry and Jake Henry.

event, Jay gives a heck of speech. I'd go as far as saying he was the reason that many of us joined Delta Delta in the first place. Jay was a friend, brother and role model for each and every brother. Whether he was providing advice when we needed it most or telling us stories of his time in the house, he always had a way of putting things in perspective that reminded us what it truly meant to be a Sigma Chi in the first place."

Sheehan '19 Passes on Purdue Pete Tradition

Delta Delta has had an ongoing tradition of supplying at least one Purdue Pete, if not more, for the past 10 years. Kyle Sheehan '19 is wrapping up his stint as Purdue Pete with his graduation in May.

Kyle noted, "Being Purdue Pete has been one of the greatest things I've ever done. Growing up as a Purdue fan, my parents took me to countless Purdue football games. I remember seeing Purdue Pete during the tailgates, and the joy I felt when he stopped to take a picture with me."

Kyle commented that the tryout process is difficult. "The main thing that is emphasized during the tryout is creativity and variation. They want to see if guys can think on their feet and how they react differently to different situations, because when you are in suit there's always something that you cannot prepare for," noted

Kyle.

Being one of the six Purdue Pete's can demand up to 40 hours/week. During the busiest seasons, (football/spring) each Pete attends at

least 1-2 events per week. Home football Saturdays are an entire day affair, with tailgates sometimes starting around 7am, and for night games the Purdue Petes can still be found in the stadium past midnight.



Kyle taking a selfie with Drew Brees '01

Since being selected to the team Kyle has attended the 2018 NCCA Basketball tournament, the Music City Bowl, entertained at a Pacer's game; and traveled to several away football games. He's also done photo and video shoots for companies including AT&T and Coca-Cola. Kyle was also present at some of the greatest moments in Purdue sports history including upsetting #2 ranked Ohio State in football; beating #6 ranked Michigan State in basketball; and taking down IU in convincing fashion every time they visited Mackey Arena."

With Kyle graduating the Sigma Chi Purdue Pete tradition will remain strong as junior Joseph Desmond and freshman Luke Peter are current members of the Purdue Pete team. We want to thank Kyle, Joe and Luke for keeping the Boilermaker spirit going strong from 202 Littleton.

Brothers Recognized for Contributions to Greek Community

At the recent IFC and Pan Hel awards two Delta Delta brothers walked away with top honors.

Bryce Cirbo: IFC Brother of the Year and Man of the Year

Bryce has served as Consul, Pro Consul, Risk Manager, Chaplain and Alumni Relations Chair. He has also attended Horizons Leadership Summit and participated in two Balfour Leadership Training Workshops. According to current Consul Wes Middleton, "Bryce has a genuine passion for assisting others in any way that he can. He is as well-rounded as an individual can be; his dedication, congeniality, and his passion for others are what make him the "glue" that keeps our chapter together."

Bryce has worked as a Purdue University Engineering Ambassador, served as IFC Vice President of Risk Management, and volunteered to tutor younger students in Spanish.

Bryce is receiving his degree in Mechanical Engineering and will begin working for Cummins Engine in Columbus, IN in July.

Seth Gutwein: IFC Leader of the Year

Seth has served as IFC President, and on Mortar Board and Old Masters. During his tenure as IFC President he led the Greek community through some challenging times. Within the chapter, he has served as Pro Consul, Risk Manager, Philanthropy and Alumni Relations Chair. Through his leadership the chapter for the past two years has raised over \$20,000 each year for the Huntsman Cancer Institute.

Wes Middleton stated, "Seth doesn't need a title to be a leader in our house. He is someone that I have constantly turned to for advice since being elected Consul and is someone who always pro-



Seth Gutwein '19 (left) and Bryce Cirbo '19 following the IFC Awards.

vides great insight at chapter meetings, going above and beyond what is expected from him in the house."

Seth is receiving his degree in Finance and Management and will be part in the Orr Fellowship Program working with Roche Diagnostics in Indianapolis.

ALUMNI IN THE NEWS ALUMNI IN THE NEWS

All Star Friend '53 Enters Chapter Eternal

Significant Sig Robert Friend '53 entered Chapter Eternal on February 3 at the age of 88. Bob played 15 years with the Pittsburgh Pirates, making four All-Star appearances and fronting the rotation on the World Series-winning 1960 team that defeated the New York Yankees in seven games.

"Bob was truly one of the very best to ever wear the Pirates black and gold," stated Pirates president Frank Connelly. Bob never missed a start in his 16 year baseball career. He led the league in innings pitched twice, totaling almost 600 innings through 1956 and 1957, and led the N.L. in games started each season from 1956 to 1958. He was an All-Star in 1956, 1958 and 1960. His best season came in 1958, when he had a 22-14 record with a 3.68 ERA, tying the Milwaukee Braves' Warren Spahn for the league lead in wins. Bob finished third in the N.L. Cy Young Award voting and sixth in the MVP race.

Bob pitched in 568 games over the span of 15 seasons with the Pirates. He won a career total of 197 games and still holds the Pirates franchise record for career innings pitched (3,481), games started (477) and strikeouts (1,682). In 1960 Bob led the Pirates to the World Series

Championship when he won 18 games, posted an ERA of 3.0, had 183

strikeouts, while leading the team in games started and innings pitched. For more on Bob's career and time at Delta Delta go to [All Star.](#)

Ricker '53 Inducted Into Hot Dog Hall of Fame

Richard "Butch" Ricker '53 was recently inducted posthumously into the Frankfort (IN) High School Alumni Hall of Fame.

As a Hot Dog, Butch was the IHSAA Track and Field State Champion in the 440 yard dash and he also anchored the 880-yard relay to a 2nd

place finish. He still holds the Frankfort High track records in the 100 yard dash and the 880 yard relay. Butch went on to run at Purdue and teach, coach and serve as AD at Frankfort H.S. for 30 years.

[Read more](#)



Bob Friend '53



Butch Ricker '53

Burrell Guest Speaker at ΣX Florida Luncheon

Sigs and their Sweethearts met at the Marco Island Yacht Club on Feb. 23 for the annual ΣX Florida luncheon.

Bart Burrell '81 was the special guest speaker. Bart spoke about winning the Indiana High School State basketball championship in 1977, his record setting days at Purdue catching passes from Mark Herrmann, and his time as Delta Delta's House Corporation President.

Bernie Sergesketter '58 stated, "It was a very inspirational talk and we greatly appreciated Bart, and his wife, Nancy, joining us and sharing his personal story." [For More](#)

Chapter Eternal "All honor to their names"

Arthur Strathman '48, Chesterfield, MO April 2019

Robert Friend '53, Pittsburg, PA February 3, 2019

John Langmead '58, Rio Verde, AZ November 2018

David Byrne '59, Bloomington, IN April 2019

Richard Stall, Jr. '63, Los Angeles, CA November 17, 2018

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Returning to celebrate their 55th Reunion, the Class of '63 (L-R) Bill Vahle, Sue Kessler, Bill Weigel, Nancy Latham, Anne Weigel, Jeanne Wilton, Doug Wilton, Jim Latham, Eric Helt, Kate Helt, Nick Fritsch, Jena Fritsch, Marlene Glover, Russ Glover, Mike Smith, Marilyn Smith, John Pomeroy and Jim Lopeman. Not pictured, but in attendance Jim and Suzanne Ritchie, Don and Gayle Griffith and Bill Frey. For the details go to [55th Reunion](#).

More Alumni/Undergrad Photos, Stories Online

For more photos and details on all our stories in this newsletter visit the Delta Delta website www.thesighthouse.com and the [Alumni News and Events](#) pages.

There are many great alumni and undergrad stories you'll enjoy reading.

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Sigs Support Tiller Scholarship

Delta Delta brothers, Sam Coffey '19 and Drew Greene '19, Austin Foote '20, Dominic Theodosatos '21, Tyler Skiles '22 and Eli Heddrick '22 traveled to Cincinnati for the New Orleans Saints vs. Cincinnati Bengals game on November 11th. These lucky brothers attended the game and saw Brother Drew Brees '01, the Saints quarterback, lead his team to a 51-14 victory. After the game the Sigs had a chance to meet Brees who is now the NFL's all-time leader in passing yardage.

Drew Greene noted, "While chatting with Drew, he asked about the state

of the house, and told us "It's good to hear things are going well at 202 Littleton!"

Drew Brees donated 27 tickets for this game that were auctioned off to raise funds for the NFF Joe Tiller Scholarship Fund. Joel Hammond '83 donated his tickets to the undergraduate chapter where the brothers held their own raffle to see who would attend the game.



Sigs (L-R) Drew Greene '19, Dominic Theodosatos '21, Austin Foote '20, Drew Brees '01, Tyler Skiles '22, Eli Heddrick '22 and Sam Coffey '19.

The Delta Delta raffle raised \$1500 which was split half and half between the Huntsman Cancer Foundation and National Football Foundation. Jim Vrugink '71 coordinated this event.