



# Delta Delta Data

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A large contingent of Delta Delta brothers returned for the 30th Annual Alumni Golf Outing after a one year break due to the COVID pandemic. It was a great day for golf and sharing old and new memories.

## Sigs Return in Big Numbers for Annual Golf Outing

After a one year hiatus due to the COVID pandemic, the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Alumni Golf Outing took place on June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at Purdue's Ackerman-Allen golf course. It was a grand return as 78 golfers took part and almost 90 brothers attended the dinner at the Sig house following the completion of the golf. Alumni golf outing organizer Brian Griffith '95 stated, "The 30th annual golf outing was a big success. We had a great turn out for golf, but more impressive was the turnout for dinner back at the Sig house. Thanks to all that came back, played, sponsored, and participated this weekend."

Spirits were high as the foursome's teed off. It was a beautiful day and the course was in great shape. You

would think this would have led to some great scores. It did in the case of the winning team from the Class of 2014 of Brent Roman, Declan Vea, Kevin Brown and Zach Waters, (14 under par). The runner up team of Jake Henry '96, Dave Woodruff '99 and Michael Montgomery '14 (13 under) and third place went to Paul Leffler, Frank Speck, Nick Myers and John Hettinga (all Class of 2015) at 12 under par. The senior champs were Tom Ford, Scott McConnell, Jim Smith and Kirk Raymond from the Class of 1971 at 7 under par.

Jeff Early '77 was tapped as the



**Class of '15 Champs: Brent Roman, Declan Vea, Kevin Brown and Zach Waters**

brother who traveled the furthest from his home in College Station, TX, although the honor probably should have gone to Jake Clark '16  
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## THE SIGMA CHI CREED

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 ..... Sam Spears '23

It is great to be back at 202 Littleton. After the challenging year we had last year, this semester should be more engaging, although COVID safeguards are still in place. The Protect Purdue plan requires masks to be worn indoors for any events, vaccinations are not required, but are highly recommended, and unvaccinated students are subject to weekly testing. When on campus masks are required when inside a Purdue building.

Rush is in full gear right now as we evaluate the several hundred young men going through recruitment. We have received over 60 rush recommendations and our goal is to give each of them an opportunity to get over to the house and for us to get to know them. We also held our annual Summer Rush get-together in Carmel in July.

Three brothers Wes Dulin, Ben Sons, and Mike Yario attended the Krach Transformational Leaders Workshop at Miami University in Oxford, OH from July 27 – 31.

With the disruption of COVID to

our recruitment and pledge programs last year, we have set goals to make sure every brother 1. Improves their knowledge of the ritual and house information; 2. Educate new brothers on how normal house operations work (rush, pledgeship, initiation, philanthropy events, registered functions); 3. Increase knowledge of Chapter Bylaws; 4. Utilize file sharing system to improve chapter communications.

We are all excited about the return of alumni to 202 Littleton. We are especially excited about the upcoming Alumni Honors Dinner on October 1.

Finally, we would like to thank House Corp President Tom Hall '81, Butch Brose '09, and our chapter advisors, Nate Gustus, Mike Andreone and Brian Kain, who have helped us get through all the COVID issues as we continued to live in the chapter house. We'd like to also thank those brothers who financially helped the Sigs who went to Texas on their mission trip last May. To all the alumni who have shared your time and financial resources we say, "Thank You".

## House Corp Receives Grand Trustee Award

Delta Delta's House Corporation was one of 33 Sigma Chi house corporations to receive Sigma Chi's Board of Grand Trustees Gold Award. House Corp President Tom Hall '81 and the members of Delta Delta's House Corporation should be commended on their ongoing active maintenance of our chapter house and engagement with the undergraduate chapter members.

Strong alumni participation, both financially, through the Annual Fund, and ongoing involvement with the chapter is a hallmark of Delta Delta. This effort continues to provide a solid base that supports future generations of Sigma Chis at Purdue.

This year, 44 house corporations submitted applications for this award. 33 won Gold Award recognition.

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## *You Are Cordially Invited to the 2021 Alumni Honors Dinner, October 1*



Paul Kuhnert '65



Tom Canfield '66



Harold Force '73



Tom Morales '75



John Taylor '75



Scott Hutton '94

In recognition of Delta Delta brothers Paul Kuhnert '65, Tom Canfield '66, Harold Force '73, Tom Morales '75, John Taylor '75 and Scott Hutton '94 for their outstanding professional achievements and contributions to Delta Delta and Sigma Chi.

**All Sigma Chi's, spouses/dates, family are invited.**

RSVP Required by September 20 to Phil Steele at [Steele202@comcast.net](mailto:Steele202@comcast.net)

Cost: \$50/person contribution to the Annual Fund

Make checks out to "Delta Delta Alumni" and sent to Phil Steele at 81 Lancelot Ct., Lafayette, IN 47905.

Recommended Attire: Business Casual

*Purdue University requires all students to be fully vaccinated, or have had a negative COVID test in the past 5 days. We ask that any attendees to the dinner follow these same guidelines.*

**Sig Golf Outing continued ..** from Austin, TX. In total, we had three brothers fly in from Texas including Doug Widell '68.

The Classes of '94 and '95 returned with 19 golfers to celebrate a couple of belated reunions. Several of the Class of '95 met for lunch at Harry's and then played a round of golf. The Class of '95, along with some of the '94 brothers gathered Friday evening at the new 811 restaurant at the Union and had fun serenading the waitress with the "Sweetheart of Sigma Chi". Gavin Philipps '95 remarked, "It was great to see people who had not had a chance to return in several years and we all picked up right where we left off."

At the golf outing dinner Saturday evening Brian Griffith '95 was thanked for all his hard work in or-

ganizing this year's outing. Brian in turn took the opportunity to recognize his pledge brother, Guenter Haines '95, for his help in putting on the event. Others who lent a hand were Tom Hall '81 and Phil Steele '77. Special thanks was extended to Butch Brose '09 for getting the chapter house ready for our return.

### **A Special Feeling**

It's hard to capture in words just how much all the brothers enjoyed their return to Delta Delta and Purdue for our golf outing. After being gone for almost two years, it was evident that the

brothers were grateful and very happy to be back together again. The gift of true and lasting friendships is something we should all take advantage of by making every effort to get together whenever we can.



**Class of '95 Sigs: (L-R) Gavin Philipps, Brian Griffiths, Jason Baker, Jeff Hosp, Craig Johnson, Guenter Haines, Eric Morgan and Jason Bedsworth. Not shown: Brent Skelton and Kevin Jacobson**

## Sigs Take Mission Trip to Texas to Serve Others

The brothers had the opportunity to serve the local community and pave the way for hundreds of volunteers to travel to Brownsville, Texas, this summer to take part in various mission projects. The Sigs were one of the first groups to return to the mission facilities following a year and a half hiatus due to COVID.

The brothers spent much of their time cleaning up and making repairs and upgrades to the different mission homes and facilities. This included cleanup and demolition, laying flooring, installing trim, drywalling, and other renovations that were needed.

These houses were being renovated for mission families who will be occupying the homes later in the summer when they arrive in Brownsville. In addition to the work that they did in the mission houses, the Sigs spent afternoons putting together care packages for families who were legally entering the United States from Mexico. The brothers were able to distribute 200 Spanish Bibles along with the care packages to families relocating to the U.S.



**Delta Delta Sigs at the Border Wall: (L-R) Todd Bainbridge '24, Jack West '23, Chase Southard '24, Joe Parrish '24, John Henson '23, Dawson Odle '23, David Kratzman '21, Caleb Stapp '23, Mason Stapp '24 and Charlie Healy '23**

Senior David Kratzman, who organized the Sigs, remarked, "Brownsville was quieter than I expected. We did not observe a lot of activity on the bridge from Mexico into the U.S., although we did see immigration patrols quite often. It was a little surreal seeing the 20-foot wall running along the border. Additionally, the Sigs had some time to explore the local area including a visit to Boca Chica, Texas, where Elon Musk is constructing his Star base community and launching the

Starship rockets. The brothers also spent an afternoon at the beach in South Padre Island.

"We are extremely thankful for the alumni who sponsored brothers on the trip and supported our cause," remarked Brother Kratzman. "We had a great experience, learned a lot about each other, and acquired some hands-on skills. It is a very rewarding feeling to volunteer a week of our summer to serve, and the chapter hopes to continue mission trips like this in the summers to come!"

## Summer Delta Delta Chapter House Upgrades

Butch Brose '09 has been busy as usual working diligently this summer to get the chapter house ready for the brothers return on August 18 when they could move in. The main undertaking was refreshing the Night Kitchen. This is a heavily used area and the updated night kitchen now has stainless steel cabinets and countertops. The vinyl floor tile was removed and a more durable epoxy floor was put down in its place.

The parking lot also got its periodic maintenance with sealer and new

lines and numbers applied. Butch also oversaw the planting and care of the new Class of '77 Chapter Eternal Memorial tree on the house's east side.

Other projects completed over the past 12 months included replacing the fire alarm panel; upgrading the chapter house's wireless system; adding dimming lights in the Great Hall; replacing keypad locks on the front and back doors; and replacing the kitchen's exhaust fan. These

upgrades totaled \$42,000 which were paid for from the Annual Fund.



**The Night Kitchen has new stainless steel cabinets and countertops.**

# ALUMNI NEWS ..... ALUMNI NEWS ..... ALUMNI NEWS .....

## Dunnick '65 Adds to Scholarship Funds

Dr. N. Reed Dunnick '65 has been actively working with the Scholarship Committee to establish a scholarship for the undergraduate chapter. His generosity allows us to grow the number of scholarships we can offer.

Scholarships now available are the John Puterbaugh Scholarship by the Class of 1980; Class of 2008 Leadership Scholarship; Xavier Somerville Scholarship by the Class of 2016; Dr. N. Reed Dunnick Academic Scholarship; Charles T. Dye III Consul Scholarship; and the John Eddy Scholarship, Delta Delta Academic and Brotherhood Scholarships from the Delta Delta General Scholarship Fund.

These Delta Delta Scholarship funds have total assets of almost \$400,000 of which \$21,000 is awarded annually to approximately 22 brothers. Scholarships based on need are also available.

Brother Dunnick notes, "Scholarships provide money to help cover college expenses. Often it makes the difference



N. Reed Dunnick

between being able to fully focus on classwork and having to take a

job. This means the student can complete his scholarly work in an exemplary fashion and still participate in the many activities college life has to offer. He can participate in fraternity activities, do volunteer work and enjoy the full college experience."

Reed adds, "I am grateful to my brothers in Sigma Chi for providing the environment in which I could thrive. Endowing this scholarship for men of the Delta Delta chapter enables me to give back to the fraternity that was so helpful in preparing me for a productive and enjoyable life."

## Pledge Class Leader Enters Chapter Eternal

David J. Hughes '77 entered Chapter Eternal on May 4, 2021. He was a devoted husband, father and friend. Dave as Pledge Class President was the impetus and organizer of many Class of '77 reunions and events.

Dave earned his Bachelors and Masters of Science in Engineering from Purdue where he met his wife, Julie. He had a distinguished career evolving from aerospace engineering at Martin Marietta to software sales. Dave retired in 2018.

### Chapter Eternal "All honor to their names"

**Willard W. Dorman '54**, Fort Myers, FL 5-21

**David J. Hughes '77**, Parker, CO 5-4-21



Class of '68 brothers gathered for dinner at McGraw's prior to the annual golf outing. L-R: seated: Tom Leslie, Bob Kaley, Bob Utterback; Standing: Doug Widell, Mike Campbell, Jim Maggart, Mike Wheeler, Jim Chapin, Don Bowers, Frank Hughes and Stence White.

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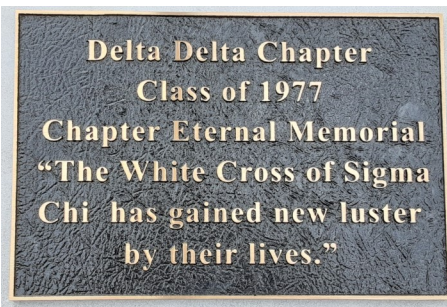
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## Class of '77 Memorial Tree Planted at Delta Delta

*A true friend unbosoms freely, advises justly, assists readily, adventures boldly, takes all patiently, defends courageously, and continues a friend unchangeable. Death cannot kill what never dies, nor can spirits ever be divided that love and live in friendship; this is the comfort of friends, that though they may be said to die, yet their friendship and society are in the best sense ever present, immortal.*

At this year's Delta Delta Alumni Golf outing, nine members of the Class of '77 were present to dedicate the Class of '77 Chapter Eternal Memorial tree. This living memorial was planted on the southeast corner of the chapter house and looks out upon River Road.



Last October the Class of '77 held a Zoom call in which 15 brothers took part. It allowed everyone to hear about the lives of those on the call, and stories of days gone by. One of the comments made was that their

class had been very fortunate to have not lost any of their 27 pledge brothers as they all passed their 65<sup>th</sup> birthdays. Two brothers on that call were Joel Draper and Dave Hughes.

Both of these brothers succumbed to cancer over the next five months, with Brother Draper passing away in January and Brother Hughes in May. The suddenness of these brother's deaths shocked those in the class and led them to fund the planting of the memorial tree in their honor.

Joel Draper's memorial service was held in January and due to COVID restrictions only three members of the Class of '77 could attend. The service was a very fitting tribute to a man who loved God, his family, and his many friends. In May when the service was held for David Hughes, 16 (fully vaccinated) Sigs from the Classes of 1976, 1977 and



**Class of '77 brothers at their Memorial Tree Dedication (L-R) John Emhardt, Dave Nussmeier, Preston Cobb, John Loop, Jeff Early, Phil Steele, Tom Schneider, Brian Boje and Brian Dawson.**

1978 were in attendance. As they met in Denver they were able to reflect on what true brotherhood meant to each of them. As they had seen with their own pledge class, life is fleeting and that the opportunities to gather and share the company of old friends are not to be missed.

### **Wish of the Class of '77**

Joel and Dave will be missed by their pledge brothers and others who loved them. The wish of the Class of '77 is that their memorial tree grows strong and reminds every Delta Delta brother that the greatest benefit of our Fraternity is the gift of lifelong friendships.