



Delta Delta Data

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It was a picture perfect day for the 29th Annual Alumni Golf Outing held in June on the Purdue Ackerman course.

29th Annual Alumni Golf Outing A Spirited Affair

It was great to see so many brothers return for this year's Alumni Golf Outing. With almost 80 golfers taking part, it was a great day for some stellar golf and rekindling friendships for the brothers who made the return trip.

The Classes of '68, '74 and '77 had strong showings along with the 25 Sigs who returned from the Classes of '14, '15, '16, '17 and '18. It was impressive to see how far these younger alumni can hit a golf ball. But as they say, "You drive for show and putt for dough". This was the case as foursomes from the Classes of '77 and '80 took top honors at 14 under par. The younger Sigs had three groups come in at 13 under.

The winning team was determined by a putt off between the Classes of 1977

and 1980. The winning team was Steve Cosler '77, Jeff Early '77, Phil Steele '77 and Roscoe Holloway '79. Runner's up were the Class of '80's Jim MacDonald, Mike Spooner, R.L. Berry, and Bobbie Marks. Top honors for the Senior division went to the Class of '74's Sandy Burns, Tim Maloney, Phil Haehl and Dave Laitinen.

The classes with strongest participation were from the Class of '77 with 13 returnees; Class of '17 with 11 participants; and the Class of '68 with 9 returnees. Several of the classes arrived on Friday and took advantage of the extra time to visit with their PB's as they took in Lafayette's craft beer scene.

Special thanks to Brian Griffith,



2019 Winners (L-R) Class of '77: Preston Cobb, standing in for Roscoe Holloway, Jeff Early, Phil Steele and Steve Cosler.

Guenter Haines. Phil Steele and Butch Brose for taking care of all the arrangements and getting the chapter house ready for our returning alums.

Mark your calendars for the 30th Alumni Outing to be held June 13, 2020.



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 Wesley Middleton '20

The new school year is off to a fast start and we look forward to another successful year. This summer at the Krach Transformational Leaders Workshop (KTLW) Delta Delta received a Peterson Outstanding Chapter Award and the Huntsman 20K award. A number of the brothers completed internships around the country and studied abroad.

We recently finished recruitment that was aided by several alumni recommendations of very qualified candidates. The rushees toured the House, met the brothers, and heard from distinguished alumni at the Alumni Rush event. The new pledge class consists of 33 outstanding potential brothers. Our Magister, Alex Trachtman '20, and Assistant Magister, John Hokanson '21, have designed a pledge and post initiation training program that fulfills the new national requirements and instills the values and tradition so greatly cherished by Delta Delta.

Last year we hosted two blood drives, supported 20 families in

LUM's Jubilee Christmas program, and raised over \$20,000 for the Huntsman Cancer Institute for the second year in a row. We are pairing with numerous sororities to co-host fundraising events throughout the upcoming semester.

Last year, our pledge class (2022) achieved an impressive 3.19 pledge class GPA, and we hope to see the same success this year. Our academic chair, Brandt Burgdorff '22 is looking to implement new initiatives for study tables and academic mentors for incoming freshman.

Additionally, we are working to expand our Alumni Mentorship Program, pairing undergraduate brothers with alumni mentors in career fields they plan to pursue. This initiative has been greatly appreciated by the participating brothers.

We always enjoy having our alumni return. We look forward to many of you joining us for Homecoming on October 12 as we cheer on the Boiler-makers against the Maryland Terrapins. The Homecoming schedule can be found on page 6 of this newsletter.

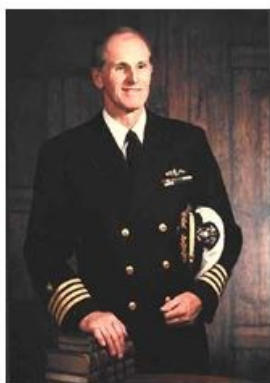


Seniors smiling after completing their last "bid session". L-R: Tommy Cagnassola, Jack Folkers, Derek Sullivan, Wes Middleton, Sam Clark, Jimmy Wiltzius, David Preuss, Austin Foote, Alex Trachtman, and Benji Hudson (kneeling).

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5 Delta Delta Brothers Selected As Significant Sigs



David Mead '52



Robert Kaley '68



David Craig '69



William Townsend '75



Steven Cosler '77

Delta Delta had an unprecedented five alumni brothers recognized as Significant Sigs this past year. For their personal and professional achievements in their chosen fields of endeavor, these brothers have earned this recognition.

David Mead '52 turned his passion for the outdoors and the West into a lifetime of business and personal opportunities that left their mark on his community and family.

David Mead obtained a BS degree in Agriculture from Purdue in 1952 and served as Consul for the chapter. After graduating, Dave attended Navy Officer Candidate School and was stationed in the Pacific near the end of the Korean War, and then at various Navy bases for the next 3 years. He remained in the Naval Reserves for nearly 40 years and retired as a captain.

Dave started his business career in Twin Falls, ID in 1957 and spent the next 33 years in the banking business for West One Bank, now US Bank. Brother Mead was recognized as "A Most Influential Person," a Distinguished Citizen, the Forest Service 75th anniversary award, and the Lifetime Achievement award by the Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce. In 2005 he was inducted into the Purdue ROTC Hall of Fame.

Robert G. Kaley, II, '68, was the Director of Environmental Affairs for the former Monsanto Company, St. Louis, MO, and is a nationally recognized expert in the manufacture and use, toxicology, epidemiology, and environmental effects of certain industrial chemicals.

Bob Kaley graduated from Purdue in 1968 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemistry with Distinction and served as both Delta Delta's Quaestor and Consul. He earned a Master's Degree in 1971 and a Ph.D. in 1974 in Analytical Chemistry, both from the University of Illinois.

Brother Kaley is a widely recognized authority on PCBs. Bob's work has resulted in the development of improved chemical manufacturing processes and chemical regulations that have helped mitigate critical environmental concerns faced by our country.

For 38 years **David Craig '69** built a memorable career working for the NBA's Indiana Pacers as Head Athletic Trainer, Team Administrator and Assistant to the President. In semi-retirement David continues to do consulting work for athletic staffs around the country.

Brother Craig was inducted into the National Athletic Trainer's Associ-

ation Hall of Fame in 2016. He has also been honored with the Purdue University Health & Human Sciences Distinguished Service Award, received the "Doc" Counsilman Science Award for USA Basketball, and selected for Indiana's highest service award, the Sagamore of the Wabash.

Dave has also been named NBA Athletic Trainer of the Year, served as the NBA's Eastern Conference All-Star Athletic Trainer in 1984, 1985 and 1996, and is part of the Indiana Pacer's Wall of Fame.

William L. Townsend '75 has forged a remarkable career in creating and building businesses that address significant environment issues facing our country and the world.

Bill is Chairman and Chief Strategy Office for Bluesource, which he founded in 2001. Bluesource has developed emission reduction products for over 20 different technologies in over 100 locations across 48 states and 5 Canadian provinces.

Brother Townsend has also been actively involved with charitable organizations that work with people with criminal histories; prevent deaths due to legally-prescribed medications; provide low-cost legal services to immigrants in Utah; eradicate genocide; and increase public awareness of migraine disease.

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Delta Delta Gains from Sig Summer Workshop

This year at the **Krach Transformational Leaders Workshop (KTLW)** was a great experience for the Delta Delta Chapter! It was held in early August at Bowling Green University in Bowling Green, OH. We were able to send six active brothers to the workshop. Alex Trachtman (Magister), John Hokanson (Assistant Magister), Jackson Ramey (Risk Manager), Joe Blake (Philanthropy), Jared Reutebuch (Rush), and myself, David Kratzman (Pro Consul).

Chapter Receives Top Recognition

Delta Delta was honored to receive the Dwight D. Peterson Award for excellent chapter operations for the 2018-2019 school year. This is an award we strive to receive each year. The chapter also was recognized with the Huntsman Derby Days Award for raising over \$20,000 for the Huntsman Cancer Institute.

Brothers Gain Knowledge/Feedback

KTLW gave us the opportunity to work as a team to address problems and areas that we would like to improve on in the Delta Delta chapter, and brainstorm some ideas and solutions for those improvements. Some areas that we looking to improve are communications within the house on events, academics and accountability, and the new member processes including rush, pledgeship, and post-initiation training.

KTLW also gave us the opportunity to work alongside multiple Significant Sigs while brainstorming ways to improve the chapter. Their insights, wisdom, and advice were greatly appreciated, and we enjoyed listening to the stories and memories that they had while they



L-R: Joe Blake '22, International Sweetheart Lauren Lewallen, and David Kratzman '21, receiving the 20k Huntsman Derby Days Award.

were in school. Additionally each participant spent time in a small groups working with brothers who were in the same Executive positions. These discussions provided a number of great ideas that we can implement at Delta Delta.

Summer Upgrades Look Good, Archives Compiled

Butch Brose '09 and his merry band of workers have been hard at it over the past 2 ½ months doing summer recovery work at the Delta Delta chapter house. This annual clean up and repair process has allowed us to ensure the chapter house is refreshed and ready for the undergrads upon their return in August.

Major upgrades are paid for through



The Game Room got a new look this summer.

the annual fund, more routine cleaning and repairs are paid by the House Corporation, and extraordinary damages come out of the undergrads damage deposits.

Game Room Gets New Look

The Game Room walls were painted a complimentary gray with the black trim throughout. It looks really nice. The marble floor will be refurbished during the Winter break.

Other cosmetic improvements included replacing the curtains in the Dining Room, cleaning the drapes in the Great Hall, and reupholstering the 2 red sofas, the 2 benches, and 8 straight back chairs.

Most of the interior of the house received a fresh coat of paint and all the vinyl tile in the hallways was stripped



Great Hall couches, chairs and benches all were reupholstered.

and cleaned thoroughly. A big job!

Archives Getting Extra Attention

Thanks to the efforts of Ralph Blin '71 Delta Delta's massive assortment of archival material is being sorted with the goal of determining the best way to organize and preserve it. Ralph has redone the two display cases outside the Library with selected historical items. He is also working on preserving composites for display.

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Krach '79 Confirmed as Under Secretary

Keith Krach '79 was confirmed by the Senate on June 20, 2019 with unanimous consent to become Under Secretary of State for Economic Growth, Energy, and the Environment, the United States Alternate Governor of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and the United States Alternate Governor of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

The path to Senate Confirmation began when The White House originally announced its intent to nominate Mr. Krach for Under Secretary of State and several other key administration posts on January 18th, 2019. Mr. Krach's nomination by the White House was received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations on January 24th.

On March 27th, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee held a hearing in which Mr. Krach gave a passionate and moving speech about his nomination and on April 3rd, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, as reported by Senator James Risch (R) Idaho, unanimously endorsed Mr. Krach's nomination. Presiding Officer, Senator Todd Young (R) Indiana asked if there was any objection before the Senate Clerk presented Mr. Krach's name and nomination details. No objections were presented

during the Senate consideration of Mr. Krach.

Senator Young was able to call a voice vote on the Senate Floor and, after receiving unanimous ayes and zero nays, the Senator stated "the ayes appear to have it, the ayes do have it; the motion to reconsider is considered made and laid upon the table and the President will be immediately notified of the Senate's action," completing Mr. Krach's confirmation by the US Senate as Under Secretary of State for Economic Growth, Energy, and the Environment, and other Key Administration Posts.

Keith will be sworn in to his new position at a ceremony held at the State Department on September 16. Excerpted from *Life & News* article, June 21, 2019.



Keith Krach '79, pictured here during his introductory speech to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Significant Sigs continued ..

Steven Cosler's '77 unique combination of senior management and operational experience has led to a successful career in several distinct areas: specialty pharmacy, specialty distribution, outsourced payer services, and technology.

Steve is a 1977 graduate with a degree in Industrial Management. He was also a four year member of the Purdue golf team.

Brother Cosler is one of the original Operating Partners at Water Street Healthcare Partners among the industry's most successful healthcare private equity firms. During his tenure Steve has served on nine Water Street boards. Steve co-founded Elevate Orlando and Elevate Indianapolis. This organization teaches values, leadership and life management skills for the advancement of urban youth.

Chapter Eternal

"All honor to their names"

Fredrick Jones '42, Naples, FL
February 19, 2019

Myron Frank '51, Savannah, GA
February 22, 2019

William Meade '56, Columbus, OH
May 13, 2018

Robert Altschuler '63, Wilmington, DE
January 12, 2019

James Vonderheide '74, Pasadena, CA
July 9, 2019

YOUR CLASSMATES WANT NEWS FROM YOU!

Engagements, Weddings, Births, Deaths, New Jobs, New Homes, Promotions, Fraternity functions.
Send details and photos to be included in the Delta Delta Data.

Include your name, class year, email address and details and photos of your event or activity.

Email News Notes to Phil Steele at steele202@comcast.net

ALUMNI AND UNDERGRADUATE UPDATES AT WWW.THESIGHOUSE.COM

*You Are Cordially Invited to the
Significant Sig Honors Dinner
October 11, 2019 5:30 pm
Delta Delta Chapter House*

- All Sigma Chi's, spouses/dates, family are invited.
- Recommended Attire: Business Casual
- Cost: \$50/person contribution to the Annual Fund
- RSVP Required by October 1 to Phil Steele at Steele202@comcast.net For details go to [Sig Honors Dinner](#).

**Homecoming 2019
Saturday, October 12**

Homecoming Activities

- 9:00 House Corp Meeting**
- 9:00 Coffee/Juice/Bagels/Rolls
(Meet at Delta Delta)**
- 10:30 Sigma Chi Alumni
Tailgate (Near Stadium)**
- 12:00 Purdue-Maryland Kickoff**

Alumni Updates Needed

Send Alumni News Updates to
Phil Steele: steele202@comcast.net.

Faculty Advisor Jim Vrugink Retires

Jim Vrugink '70 (Central Michigan) has served as Delta Delta's Faculty Advisor for the past 13 years until his retirement from Purdue on Aug. 31. He turned over the faculty advisory duties to Mark Herrmann '81.

Jim has worked tirelessly on behalf of the young men of the chapter by continually monitoring and addressing the chapter's GPA and academic standing in Purdue's Greek community. Jim also took an active role in pushing the chapter to increase its philanthropic activities. As Jim departs the chapter's academic standing is strong and Delta Delta was recognized at State Day with the Richard Hester Philanthropic Award. For the

second year in a row the chapter has raised over \$20,000 for the Huntsman Cancer Institute.

Jim has been at Purdue for the past 37 years serving in a number of Intercollegiate Athletics and Public Affairs roles. Highlights have included coordinating Heisman Trophy campaigns for Jim Everett '86, Mike Alstott and Drew Brees '01. Jim has also served as Executive Director of the National Football Foundation's Joe Tiller Chapter of Northwest Indiana since 2004. In this role he has provided learning opportunities for a number of Delta Delta undergraduates who have helped Jim in different capacities.



Jim Vrugink (right) reviews notes with Drew Brees during the awards presentations at a NFF Honors Dinner.

Jim is a tremendous example of someone who has given unselfishly to Sigma Chi wherever his career has taken him. We are extremely grateful for his contributions to Delta Delta.