



# Delta Delta Data

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Class of '75 brothers celebrate with new Significant Sigs John Taylor '75 and Tom Morales '75.

## Hutton '94 Enjoys Old Master's Visit

Scott Hutton '94 was one of nine Purdue alumni invited to return to campus as part of the 2021 Old Master's program held from November 7-9. Old Masters is one of Purdue's most longstanding traditions, with the primary goal of inviting back distinguished Purdue alumni to interact and share their personal stories with the student body.

Scott remarked, "It was an incredible honor to be named a 2021 Purdue Old Master. Yet, with that honor came the challenge and responsibility of connecting with the student body in order to broaden perspectives, promote excellence, and inspire generations to move the world forward as Boiler-makers. As much as I entered the program prepared to share ideas, experiences, and inspiration, I was the one who left with the Old Masters experience resonating in my heart and mind and inspiring me to do more to make Purdue and Sigma Chi Fraternity proud."

Part of Scott's schedule included having lunch at Delta Delta. This was a great opportunity for the brothers to interact with Scott and get his insights on leadership and some career advice. Mostly the undergrads wanted to know what it was like when Scott lived in the house and stories regarding his younger days. Scott shared some of his fonder memories, and how much he loved living in the house. When asked if he would have done anything differently, Scott *See Old Master ..... Page 3*

## Brothers Honored at Special Chapter Event

Delta Delta has experienced many outstanding moments over the years. The Alumni Honors Dinner held on October 1, 2021, in the Great Hall was one more of these celebrated events. Five Significant Sigs and one Order of Constantine brother were presented their awards in a formal event hosting over 115 alumni, guests and undergraduates.

Significant Sig honoree Tom Canfield '66 remarked, "This was a great evening. I think the event gained from the number of honorees. It was impressive to see the span of time that Delta Delta has had so many outstanding brothers. I was really impressed to see the support from more than one pledge class for Scott Hutton."

Former Undersecretary of State, business entrepreneur, and 64<sup>th</sup> Grand Consul Keith Krach '79 set the stage

with his opening remarks upon the completion of dinner. Brother Krach reminded all those present by Sigma Chi as undergraduates and the importance of trusting the ideals we learn as Sigma Chis.

Each of the five new Significant Sigs were then individually presented their plaques, certificates and pins by former Grand Consul Keith Krach after having their accomplishments read by Phil Steele. Those honored were **Paul Kuhnert '65, Tom Canfield '66, Tom Morales '75, John Taylor '75 and Scott Hutton '94**. Delta Delta has had 61 alumni selected as Significant Sigs. The most of any Sigma Chi chapter in the country.

Each Significant Sig honoree spoke to the large crowd about their own *See Honors Dinner ... Page 3*



## 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 ..... Ryder Elitharp '23

My name is Ryder Elitharp, I am from Eagle, Idaho, and am a junior study building construction management in the Polytechnic Institute here at Purdue. At Delta Delta, we are looking forward to the second half of the semester and closing this academic year. This past fall semester, there was a big push to get students back into in-person classrooms. With that, we have been able to see the return of many of the events that we look forward to hosting or participating in.

One of those was our fundraising "Paint Swap" dodgeball event and we are looking forward to hosting Derby Days in person for the first time in 2 years! Last year with our online format Derby Days we raised just under \$15k for Huntsman Cancer Institute, so we have set our goals high for this upcoming Derby Days. Additionally, with the Purdue mask mandate being lifted we were able to host Pledge Dance this past week which was by far the largest social event the house has seen since pre-Covid.

With the roll back of the Covid

regulations, we were able to resume a completely in-person rush and pledgeship. Led by rush chairmen Ben Sons '21, Tyler Skiles '22, Graham Haines '23, we extended bids to 31 potential new members. Guided by our magister, Will Cagnassola '22, we were able to retain 100 percent of our potential new members. We were able to return to full in-person format and invite alumni to participate in the pinning of their legacies. The recent initiation also gave us the chance to officially pin the DD '24 pledge class that received a Founder's Initiation during Covid.

Moral within the house is high as our activities are getting back to "normal." We have been able to organize a variety of brotherhood events such as wiffle ball and snow-bowl football game in the front lawn. In the fall we hosted an alumni dinner for over 100 returning brothers. Additionally, we are welcoming the return of Mom's Day and are excited to host the families of our brothers. Overall, we are very excited to see the return of many of our beloved traditions as student life becomes a little more normal on campus.



Several Delta Delta brothers recently helped officiate a number of Special Olympics basketball games. The athletes really enjoyed the Sigs participation.

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# Pledge Classes Gather to Celebrate Reunions

With the pandemic disrupting reunion class plans over the past two years, the Classes of '95 and '96, along with several brothers from the Classes of '94 and '97, joined forces to enjoy a fun filled, if not soggy, Homecoming weekend on October 1-2. Everyone in attendance enjoyed reflecting on their 25 years since leaving the confines of 202 Littleton.

As the brothers arrived back on campus on Friday several met at Harry's while a couple of the brothers with teenage kids took them on campus tours with hopes that some would become future Boilermakers.

Most of the brothers who returned attended the Alumni Honors Dinner Friday evening as one of their own, Scott Hutton '94, was recognized as a Significant Sig. This was a great evening with so many brothers and family members present where they saw firsthand how important Sigma



The Classes of '94 - '97 gather to celebrate 25 years of brotherhood.

Chi was to all those who attended. Everyone gathered at a tailgate put hosted by Jason Bedsworth, Craig Johnson, Brent Skelton and Eric Morgan. This gave everyone a chance to meet prior to the game and see several PBs who had just arrived. Then it was off to the football game where everyone sat in the rain and watched the Boilers lose a

close one to Minnesota. Saturday evening all the brothers and wives gathered at Sgt. Prestons. There was even a surprise visit from the Class of '95's Magister, GA Bernardin. As this group celebrated their over 25 years of brotherhood, it was nice to see the multiple classes together highlighting just how important all their friendships remained.

## Honors Dinner continued

personal journeys. The highs, and some lows, but most of all about the impact and the support they had received from their pledge brothers and other Sigs throughout their careers. Gavin Philipps '95 noted, "The brothers in our class who got the chance to hear our Significant Sigs speak spent a lot of time Saturday talking about how we can "pay it forward even more" like our brothers talked about on Friday night."

**Harold Force '73** was presented Sigma Chi's highest honor, the Order of Constantine, although not quite the way he had planned it. All set to host 16 family members and 20 pledge brothers and their wives to the Honors Dinner, Harold was sidelined when he contracted a breakthrough case of COVID. Although not able to attend in person, Harold was feeling well enough to participate through a video link with his son, Clayton Force '02, standing in for him. His pledge brother's remarks entertained the crowd and Harold's



Delta Delta Undergrads spent some time with Old Master Scott Hutton '94.

## Old Master continued

stated, "I think I would while I was at Purdue, both in the house and on campus." Upon the conclusion of the 2021 program Scott stated, "I

own thoughts at the end of the presentation captured the true spirit of the evening and the lifelong commitment our Fraternity and chapter inspires. Harold is the 10<sup>th</sup> Delta Delta brother to receive the Order of Constantine.

left campus with a renewed confidence that Purdue University attracts the best and brightest students who are destined for greatness. They also shared that they are extremely optimistic about the future, confident in themselves, ready to do things differently, open to challenging and changing the world, and eager to make Purdue proud. I know I left already proud of them. Being part of the 71<sup>st</sup> annual Old Masters event was an incredible experience that I will never forget."



## Sigs Take Top Honors at JPC Golf Outing

A large contingent of Delta Delta alumni took part in the annual John Purdue Club golf scramble held on February 13 in Naples, FL. The event was held at the Club at the Strand owned by Delta Delta alumnus Eric Morgan '95.

Jeff McKean '86 reported that the Sigma Chi foursome with former Purdue and NY Jet tight end, Dustin Keller, won the tournament with a round of 14 under par. The winning Sigs included Rob Barkett '86, Rosco Holloway '79, Jeff McKean '86 and Larry Green (whose son is a DD '19 and his father-in-law a member of the Class of '63). Brother Barklett led the Sig team. A former member of the Purdue golf team Rob still has a 1 handicap.

A group of Sigs from the Class of '95 also took part. Although not as successful on the golf course these brothers enjoyed a couple of days of just hanging out.



Sigs enjoying some golf and sun at the JPC golf outing.

## Delta Delta Hosts Holiday Get Togethers

The Indianapolis Delta Delta Sigma Chi Holiday Get Together was held on December 7, 2021, after not being held in 2020 due to the Covid pandemic. This year's event was hosted by the MacKenzie River Pizza, Grill and Pub on Indy's north side.

The strong turnout was great to see as almost 30 brothers made an appearance. In attendance were brothers from every decade beginning with Tom Jenkins '64 and Dave deHebreard '69, to several in the '70's, '80's, '90's and our younger brothers like CJ Johnson '17 and Andrew Brown '09. The Class of '77 had



Brothers of multiple eras gathered for a little holiday cheer.

five members of their class join the fun and share in the holiday spirit.

**Virtual Gathering Also Held**  
For those brothers too far away to meet us in Indy, the second annual Zoom Virtual Delta Delta Get Together was held on December 14. A nice group of 20 brothers logged in from around the country ranging from Hawaii to Virginia Beach, and class years from 1949 to 2020.

Many of the brothers enjoyed this opportunity to "quiz" Consul Sam Spears '24 about current Delta Delta holiday and chapter traditions. To hear stories from brothers from the '40's, '50's, '60's, '70's and 2000's made for great conversation and a fun evening.

## SW Florida Delta Delta Alumni Luncheon Returns

The annual SW Florida Delta Delta Alumni Luncheon held in Naples, FL returned after a one year hiatus due to the Covid pandemic.

According to Bernie Sergesketter '58, the luncheon held on February 10<sup>th</sup> went really well. There were 19 brothers and four Sweethearts in attendance. Brothers were represented from the following decades: 50's, 60's, 70's, 80's, and 90's.

Bob Smith '65 remarked, "I was pleased to see the Delta Delta luncheon have such a great turnout of younger Brothers. However at this point, I have to remind myself that

almost all Brothers are younger."

The luncheon guests received a brief history and update to the 2007 Chapter House Renovation campaign from Harold Force '73, who led the renovation construction project. In his new role with the John Purdue Club Mark Herrmann '81 also provided an update.

Special thanks goes to Eric Morgan '95 who hosted the event at the



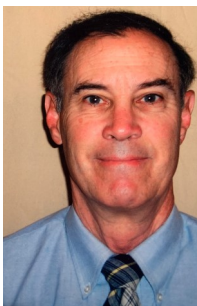
Class of '73 brothers (L-R) Brad Black, Mark Sand, Rob Baumann and Harold Force.

Club at the Strand in Naples. Eric, who owns the Club at the Strand, generously donated the proceeds of the luncheon to the Future Fund.

## ALUMNI IN THE NEWS ..... ALUMNI IN THE NEWS .....

### Dedicated Brother Enters Chapter Eternal

Ray Osborne '67 entered Chapter Eternal on May 21, 2021. Over the years Ray, who lived at the time in Mishawaka, IN, would regularly make the 2-hour drive to West Lafayette to see how he could help the chapter. On one occasion he spent several days at the chapter house restoring the chandelier lights in the Great Hall.



**Ray Osborne**

Ray valued and loved life. He loved the thrill of speed on his motorcycles and was often joined on bike rides by Russ Wunderlich. Bill Delaney '67 recalls, "During the summer of 1966, Ray rode his 750 Triumph motorcycle from Purdue to Los Angeles, a round trip of over 4,250 miles. On the return trip from L.A., Mike Massey and I drove Mike's Austin Healy while Ray rode his motorcycle, with high-rise handlebars. The three of us conservative engineering students were returning to our senior year at Purdue wearing traditional scraggly long beards. We looked like the cast of the movie, "Easy Rider". Our appearance made the small-town residents uneasy, and one restaurant even asked to leave! They mistook us for "California Hippies."

Ray's wife, Laurie, and their two daughters fulfilled Ray's final request by spreading his ashes across the front and back lawns at 202 Littleton.

They also placed ashes at the spot where he always parked his motorcycle. When the task was completed, they enjoyed a bottle of champagne and celebrated his LIFE! Ray will always be in our hearts and minds and remain with us forever at 202 Littleton Street.

**Doug Streff '58**, entered Chapter Eternal on December 12, 2021. Some of Doug's favorite stories during his days at Purdue were playing football for the Boilers as the back-up quarterback to Lenny Dawson, who later led the Kansas City Chiefs to the 1970 Super Bowl title. Each week Doug quarterbacked



**Doug Streff '58**

the squad that ran the plays the opposing team would likely run.

Along with football, Doug loved the theatre and performed in several student productions at Purdue. After graduation Doug was on active duty as an Officer in the Army for six months and then served for 7 years with pledge brother Don Trieschmann in the 349th Psywar Company Reserve Unit.

Doug began his career with the American Broadcasting Company (ABC) in network sales. He advanced to the level of Vice President and was responsible for sales in one-third of the country.

**William "Bill" Crorey '72** passed away in Portland, OR on September 10, 2021. Bill was an active member of Sigma Chi Fraternity and a proud graduate of Purdue University.

At age 16, he obtained his private pilot license and then his pilot instructor's license, opening Crorey Aviation flight school. As a professional Engineer, he worked in Japan and Korea and later established Crorey Mechanical Engineering Company in Oregon City, OR. He invented and patented the gasifier technology used to recycle bio-waste into fuel. Bill had great work ethic, a strong faith, was generous and loved time spent with his family.

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

**John G. Guthrie '49**, Wiggins, MS  
2-4-22

**Daniel A. Molchan '54**, Valparaiso, IN  
9-12-20

**Doug E. Streff '58**, Bermuda Dunes, CA  
12-12-21

**Gary Guertin '59**, Highland Beach, FL  
9-21

**Ray Osborne '67**, Panama City, FL  
5-21-21

**Jess C. Andrew III '70**, West Point, IN  
11-10-21

**Tom Eckman '70**, West Lafayette, IN  
2-4-22

**William G. Crorey Jr. '72**, Oregon City, OR  
9-10-21

**David M. Cline '75**, Columbus, IN  
12-3-21

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## Brothers Cheer Boilers to Victory at Music City Bowl

Brother Kuhnert remarked, "Describing the game as "good" would be an understatement; it was like no game we had ever seen before. It had big plays, controversial penalties, and a "never-say-die" attitude by both teams. Cheering and screaming occurred almost non-stop during the game. Shouts of "Boiler-up" and "Hail Purdue" rang out in the hotel hallways and walking down the street. (Bob and I cheered enough for our entire Pledge Class!) The announcer estimated the attendance to be over 69,400 fans."



**Betty and Paul Kuhnert '65**

At the Music City Bowl, Purdue overcame a 14-point deficit and beat Tennessee 48-45 when Mitchell Fineran kicked a 39-yard field goal in overtime.

This year's Boilermaker football team compiled its best record since 2003 and tied for the second-most wins (9-4) in the history of Purdue football. It was only the 12<sup>th</sup> Purdue team to win nine games. They also won their fifth game away from home, last accomplished in 1943.

The post-game dinner was held at the famous-for-BBQ Caney Forked River Grille. A lot of other Purdue fans were there and acknowledged our hats and sweatshirts with greetings of "Boiler Up" and "Go Purdue!" Brother Kuhnert showed up in a vintage 1961 sweatshirt with a never-before-known-to-exist Purdue Pete design, while Brother Smith was sporting a beard grown during the summer in Vermont. Overall it was a great day to be a Boilermaker.



**Bob and Anita Smith '65**

According to Brother Smith, "There was a lot of high-fiving going on followed by groans when the Vols scored followed by more celebration when Purdue fought back. It was an exciting game of ups and downs reminiscent of "exercising" in the Great Hall." In a record-setting Mu-



**The Class of '81 met for a reunion dinner at Bruno's over Homecoming weekend.**