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## **47th Grand Chapter Congress**

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rom Wednesday's welcome by Grand President Mitch Simmons and opening remarks by risk management expert Dave Westol to the last note played at Saturday's DJ dance, Grand Chapter Congress in Washington, D.C. was a truly grand experience for the more than 1,050 Deltasigs and guests attending.

Chock full of educational and professional sessions, election of national leaders including Mark Chiacchiari as Grand President, awards recognizing outstanding achievements by collegiates and alumni, social activities, and delegates attending to the business of the Fraternity, Congress was a celebration of all things Deltasig.

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"The Presidents:" Deltasig's New Grand President Mark Chiacchiari, Abraham Lincoln and George Washington.



Fraternity Leadership for 2007-09 gathers prior to the banquet. From left: Western PVP Chuck Brown, 2007 National Collegian of the Year Vicki Frantz, Executive Director Bill Schilling, North Central PVP Amy Briggs, South Central PVP Jeff Gallentine, Grand President Mitch Simmons, VP-Organizational Development Mark Chiacchiari, Past Grand President Kathy Jahnke, Southern PVP David Ross, 2008 National Collegian of the Year Ashley Henry, and VP-Finance Joe Ward. (Not pictured: Northeastern PVP Onuka Ibe.)







Above, Dave Westol, keynote speaker, counsels on risk management education. Below left, National Collegians of the Year: Burton Bridges, 2009, and Ashley Henry, 2008. Below right, then Northeastern PVP Onuka Ibe and Alexis Carville chat between educational sessions.





Many Past Grand Presidents met in Washington, D.C. for Congress and were on hand for the Honorary Initiation of Arlene Hughes. From left: Norm Kromberg (1997-2001), Mitch Simmons (2005-2009), John Henik (1985-1989), Mike Mallonee (1979-1983), Bob and Arlene Hughes, Bill Tatum (1975-1979), Randy Hultz (1993-1997) and Kathy Jahnke (2001-2005).



St. Cloud State (Minn.) brothers pose at the Grand President's Red, White and Blue Dance with "Teddy Roosevelt" and "Honest Abe Lincoln" – two of the GEICOsponsored Washington Nationals' baseball "Racing Presidents" mascots.



Denver Alumni meet before the banquet including Golden Council members Greg Howell (far left), Sheri Gabor (front left), Corey Polton (back left) and Jim Pendergrass (far right).



Leadership Foundation Chairman and President Greg Koch (top right) leads a luncheon roundtable titled, "Buying a House 101." Numerous roundtable sessions were offered at Grand Chapter Congress on operational and professional development topics.



Fraternity leadership and guests tour George Washington's home, Mount Vernon, prior to the opening of Congress.



The Hultz family, including (from left) Silver Helmet recipient Robby, parents Janie and Casey, and 2009 Lifetime Achievement recipient and Past Grand President Randy.



Brothers show their "deltas" at the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum.



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Past Grand President Mitch Simmons (left) passes the gavel to Grand President Mark Chiacchiari. Photo by Chuck Fazio, Chuck Fazio Photography (www.chuckfazio.com).

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## Leave Delta Sigma Pi Better Than You Found It

t's hard to believe how much time has passed since we adjourned Grand Chapter Congress in Washington D.C. and began to look forward to Louisville in two years. Those of us who have attended our Fraternity's national convention know that it marks both beginnings and endings. Through presenting chapters and individuals with awards and scholarships and recognizing our outgoing leaders, we bring to an end the previous biennium. Likewise, we find new beginnings by electing new leaders, presenting charters to our newest chapters, and making new friends, thus beginning a new cycle of working towards next year's awards and scholarships. Everybody leaves Grand Chapter Congress with the challenge of making Delta Sigma Pi a better organization by the time we reconvene two years later. We leave Grand Chapter Congress re-energized from spending time with over 1,000 of our brothers from around the world.

I want to reflect on the concept of leaving something better, even if just a little bit, than how you found it. This was a theme that I heard a lot while I pledged Delta Sigma Pi and later while I ran for chapter office. As a member, I should leave the Fraternity better than I found it. As an officer, I should leave the office better than I found it. This theme resonates in my professional and personal lives as well. I should leave my company better than I found it. I need to work on making my friendships and family relationships better will make decisions as an organization with regards to the programs we offer and how we offer them. Some of our chapters will thrive while others will face challenges in continuing to be stronger.

I believe our Founders would be astonished to see how large and energetic their "small" business Fraternity has become. It's the spirit of making their friendships just a little bit better that led to the idea of starting a business fraternity. Over time, their successors (over 225,000 of them by now...vou and me included) each aspired to do the same and Delta Sigma Pi continued to grow and become the great organization that we are part of today. In our 102 years of existence, Delta Sigma Pi has truly become a large and dynamic organization.

With new beginnings come new challenges. As we look at the next two years, there is much that we will undertake as a Fraternity: recruiting new and qualified members to join our ranks, growing our alumni chapters to provide a lifetime of Fraternal opportunities to our alumni, migrating our online social networking experience from inCircle to Facebook, providing educational programs online, serving our university and civic communities, starting new chapters, assisting our Leadership Foundation by growing the funds that provide scholarships and programming to our Fraternity, counseling our existing chapters to help them become better and stronger, and assisting each other in being increasingly



Mark Chiacchiari

and more. It is only fitting that I give of my time, talent and treasure to the same organization that has given me so much over the years. It is an exciting and fulfilling challenge; however, I cannot accomplish it alone.

And so, it is with the knowledge that there is much work to do that I put a challenge out to you. How will you make Delta Sigma Pi a better organization over the next two years? Delta Sigma Pi's ongoing success necessitates the work of our volunteers and the financial support of our donors. Odds are good you are reading this because you believe in Delta Sigma Pi's mission. We have a dynamic set of goals for our next two years and everybody is able to help us in one way or another.

Please join me in giving of your time, talent or treasure. You can contact our Central Office, any of your elected leaders (myself included), or a Leadership Foundation Trustee to find a way to be part of Delta Sigma Pi's success over the next two years. Whatever path you choose, I assure you Delta Sigma Pi AND you will be better for it.

Fraternally,

Mark a Phiambiani Mark Chiacchiari Grand President 2009-2011

## How will you make Delta Sigma Pi a better organization over the next two years?

than they were the day before.

All of us make a similar pledge each time we leave Grand Chapter Congress and begin a new biennium—to return to Grand Chapter Congress two years later after making the Fraternity a better organization. There will be new members to recruit, pledge and initiate. Our educational programs will become increasingly valuable in developing our members. We effective in all of our endeavors. We value service and sacrifice as an organization. As such, it will be service and sacrifice from each and every one of us that makes Delta Sigma Pi a better organization two years from now and beyond.

When I was elected Grand President at this past Grand Chapter Congress, I was given the privilege of leading Delta Sigma Pi in accomplishing the above goals

"Fraternal Forum" allows elected leaders, staff, and interested members to offer updates, viewpoints and commentaries on issues facing the Fraternity. Contact the Central Office if you have an interest in contributing a column. Final determination of content rests with the editorial staff.

# And the Winners Are... Congratulations to the 2008-09

## Delta Sigma Pi Award Winners!



## NATIONAL WINNERS

#### **INDIVIDUAL AWARDS**

#### **Chapter Advisor** of the Year

Chapter listed is chapter served as Advisor.

Evelyn Hupp, Baylor

#### **District Director** of the Year

*Chapter(s) listed represent those* served as District Director.

Patrick Bonfrisco, California-Irvine and San Diego State

#### COLLEGIATE CHAPTER **AWARDS**

The R. Nelson Mitchell **Outstanding Collegiate** Chapter Pittsburgh

Honor Roll\*

Cal Poly-Pomona

#### Honorable Mention\*

California-Irvine California-Riverside Cal State-Fresno Cal State-Fullerton Midwestern State Pittsburgh Redlands San Jose State Truman State Wayne State (MI)

Winona State

#### **Most Improved** North Texas

**Outstanding Service** Cal Poly-Pomona

**Outstanding Professional** Activities

Southern California

#### **Outstanding Financial Operations**

California-Riverside

#### **Outstanding Alumni** Relations

Cal Poly-Pomona

#### **Outstanding Scholastic** Development Illinois

#### **ALUMNI CHAPTER AWARDS**

**Outstanding Alumni** Chapter

St. Louis

**Most Improved** Denver

**Outstanding Service Orange County** 

**Outstanding Professional** Activities Denver

**Outstanding Collegiate** Relations Boston

## **PROVINCIAL** WINNERS

#### **INDIVIDUAL AWARDS**

**Chapter Advisor of the Year** 

Chapter listed is chapter served as Advisor.

Northeastern - David D. Dawley, West Virginia South Central – Evelyn Hupp, Baylor Southern – James Lee, Tampa Western – Daryle Nagano-Krier, Cal State-Fullerton

#### District Director of the Year

Chapter(s) listed represent those served as District Director.

North Central - Sara Staloch, St. Thomas Northeastern - Elizabeth Calloway, St. Joseph's

South Central - Tony Coe, Texas-San Antonio

Southern - Heather D. Lewis, Bellarmine

Western - Patrick Bonfrisco, California-Irvine and San Diego

#### **COLLEGIATE CHAPTER AWARDS**

The R. Nelson Mitchell

**Outstanding Collegiate Chapter** 

North Central – Loyola-Chicago Northeastern - Pittsburgh South Central - Midwestern State Southern - Christian Brothers Western - Cal Poly-Pomona

#### Most Improved

North Central – St. Thomas Northeastern - Miami (OH) South Central - North Texas Southern – Bellarmine Western - California-Irvine

#### **Outstanding Service**

North Central - Illinois Northeastern - Pittsburgh South Central – Truman State Southern – Central Florida Western – Cal Poly-Pomona

#### **Outstanding Professional** Activities

North Central - St. Cloud State Northeastern - Cornell South Central – Rockhurst Southern - Florida Western - Southern California

#### **Outstanding Financial Operations**

North Central – St. Thomas Northeastern - Howard South Central - Texas A&M-College Station

Southern - Longwood Western - California-Riverside

#### **Outstanding Alumni Relations**

North Central – St. Thomas Northeastern – Pittsburgh South Central – Truman State Southern – Central Florida Western – Cal Poly-Pomona

#### **Outstanding Scholastic** Development

North Central – Illinois Northeastern – Pittsburgh South Central - North Texas Southern - Christian Brothers Western - Cal Poly-Pomona

#### **ALUMNI CHAPTER AWARDS**

**Outstanding Alumni Chapter** Northeastern - Boston South Central – St. Louis

Southern - Atlanta Western - Orange County

#### Most Improved

Northeastern – Boston South Central - Dallas Area Southern – Central Florida Western - Denver

#### **Outstanding Service**

Northeastern – Philadelphia South Central – St. Louis Southern - Atlanta Western - Orange County

<sup>\*</sup> Honor Roll and Honorable Mention levels of operation recognize those chapters that have gone above and beyond the CEI-defined basic expectations for a satisfactorily performing chapter. Eighty percent of the application criteria must be achieved to obtain Honorable Mention status—90% must be achieved to obtain Honor Roll status. With the new Chapter Management Program, Honor Roll and Honorable Mention were eliminated.

#### **Outstanding Professional Activities**

Northeastern – Cleveland- Akron South Central – St. Louis Southern – Atlanta Western – Denver

#### **Outstanding Collegiate Relations**

Northeastern – Boston South Central – Dallas Area Southern – Central Virginia Western – Denver

## REGIONAL WINNERS

#### **INDIVIDUAL AWARDS**

Chapter Advisor of the Year

Chapter listed is chapter served as Advisor.

Capital – Connie Groer, Frostburg State

Eastern – Brian Rothschild, Adelphi Midwestern – Turner White, Rockhurst

New England – Norm Blanchard, Boston

Pacific Coast – Daryle Nagano-Krier, Cal State-Fullerton

South Atlantic – James Lee, *Tampa* Southeastern –

Thomas J. Zagenczyk Jr., Clemson Southwestern – Evelyn Hupp, Baylor Steel Valley – David D. Dawley, West Virginia

#### District Director of the Year

Chapter(s) listed represent those served as District Director.

Bay Area – Rohini Trivedi, San Jose State

Capital – Diana Beauge, Howard Central Gulf – Joshua Snow, Alabama Eastern – Elizabeth Calloway, St. Joseph's

Gateway – Wayne Prichard, Missouri State

Great Lakes – Courtney L. Fujara, Northern Illinois

Gulf Western – Tony Coe, Texas-San

Mid-Atlantic – Keith Bugner, *North Carolina-Chapel Hill* 

Mid-South – Heather D. Lewis, Bellarmine

New England – Richard Steinkrauss, Massachusetts-Amherst

Niagara – Kristin Wernig, Albany and Siena

North Central – Sara Staloch, St. Thomas

Pacific Coast – Patrick Bonfrisco, California-Irvine and San Diego State



Eta Chi at Cal Poly-Pomona was the only chapter to receive Honor Roll status for 2009. They won numerous awards including National Community Service and Outstanding Alumni Relations for a collegiate chapter. With 37 collegians traveling from California to attend Congress, they had quite a showing and won the coveted Robert O. Hughes Travel Award.

Rocky Mountain – Brian Adams, Colorado State and Northern Colorado

Sierra Nevada –Tina Mistry, *Pacific* South Atlantic – Tara Schroeder, *South Florida-Polytechnic* 

South Pacific – Joseph O'Brien, Southern California

Southeastern – Claire D Moomjian, Francis Marion

Southwestern – Gerald "Jerry" Hotwagner, Oklahoma State Steel Valley – Rich Garber, Kent State

## **COLLEGIATE CHAPTER AWARDS**The R. Nelson Mitchell

Outstanding Collegiate Chapter

Atlantic Coast – Florida State Bay Area - San Jose State Capital – Howard University Desert Mountain - Texas-El Paso Eastern – Pennsylvania State Gateway - Missouri-Columbia Great Lakes – Loyola-Chicago Mid-Atlantic-Longwood Mid-South - Christian Brothers Midwestern - Rockhurst New England - Bentley Niagara - Cornell Pacific Coast - Cal Poly-Pomona Sierra Nevada - Cal State-Fresno South Pacific - Cal Poly-San Luis Steel Valley - Pittsburgh

Southwestern - Midwestern State

#### **Most Improved**

Central Gulf – West Florida
Desert Mountain – Texas-El Paso
East Central – Miami (OH)
Eastern – New York
Gateway – Missouri-Columbia
Great Lakes – NorthwesternEvanston

Mid-Atlantic – Wingate
Mid-South – Bellarmine
Midwestern – Central Missouri
New England – Connecticut
Niagara – Siena
North Central – St. Thomas
Pacific Coast – California-Irvine
Sierra Nevada – Cal State-Fresno
South Pacific – Cal State-Long Beach
Southeastern – Clemson
Southwestern – North Texas
Steel Valley – Duquesne

#### **Outstanding Service**

Atlantic Coast - Central Florida Bay Area - San Jose State Capital - Howard Central – Illinois Desert Mountain - Texas-El Paso East Central - Ohio Eastern - St. Joseph's Gateway – Truman State Great Lakes - Western Illinois Gulf South - Louisiana State Gulf Western - Texas-Austin Huron - Saginaw Valley State Mid-Atlantic - Longwood Mid-South - Christian Brothers Midwestern - Rockhurst New England - Boston

Niagara – Buffalo North Central – St. Thomas Pacific Coast – Cal Poly-Pomona Rocky Mountain – Colorado State Sierra Nevada – Cal State-Fresno South Pacific – Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo Southeastern – South Carolina

Southwestern – South Carolina Southwestern – Baylor Steel Valley – Pittsburgh

#### **Outstanding Professional Activities**

Atlantic Coast – Florida
Bay Area – San Jose State
Capital –Howard
Central – Purdue
Desert Mountain – Texas-El Paso
East Central – Bowling Green State
Eastern – New York
Gateway – Truman State
Great Lakes – Loyola-Chicago
Gulf Western – Texas A&M-Corpus
Christi
Huron – Saginaw Valley State

Mid-Atlantic – Radford
Mid-South – Christian Brothers
Midwestern – Rockhurst
New England – Bentley
Niagara – Cornell
North Central – St. Cloud State
Pacific Coast – Cal Poly-Pomona
Rocky Mountain – Colorado State
Sierra Nevada – Cal StateSacramento

South Pacific – Southern California Steel Valley – Pittsburgh Southwestern – Oklahoma

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#### **Outstanding Financial Operations**

Atlantic Coast - Florida State Bay Area - San Jose State Capital – Howard Eastern - New York Gateway - Truman State Gulf Western - Texas A&M-College Station Huron - Saginaw Valley State Mid-Atlantic - Longwood Mid-South - Christian Brothers New England - Roger Williams Niagara – Albany North Central – St. Thomas Pacific Coast - California-Riverside

**Outstanding Alumni Relations** 

Steel Valley - Pittsburgh

Sierra Nevada - Cal State-Fresno

South Pacific - Southern California

Atlantic Coast - Central Florida Bay Area - San Jose State Central - Purdue East Central – Bowling Green State Eastern - New York Gateway - Truman State Huron - Saginaw Valley State Mid-South – Bellarmine Midwestern-Rockhurst New England - Roger Williams Niagara - Cornell North Central - St. Thomas Pacific Coast - Cal Poly-Pomona Rocky Mountain-Denver Sierra Nevada - Cal State-Fresno South Pacific - Southern California



Patrick Bonfrisco (left) received the National District Director of the Year Award from Grand President Mitch Simmons. Patrick served as District Director for California- Irvine and San Diego State and is now Pacific Coast RVP. He also earned the award last year!

Southeastern - South Carolina Southwestern - North Texas Steel Valley - Pittsburgh

#### **Outstanding Scholastic** Development

Atlantic Coast - Florida State Bay Area - San Jose State Central - Illinois East Central – Bowling Green State Eastern - Rider Gateway - Missouri-Columbia

Huron – Saginaw Valley State Mid-South – Christian Brothers Midwestern - Rockhurst New England - Roger Williams Niagara – Buffalo North Central – St. Thomas Pacific Coast - Cal Poly-Pomona Sierra Nevada - Cal State-Fresno South Pacific - Cal State-Long Beach Southwestern - North Texas Steel Valley - Pittsburgh



St. Louis Alumni named Outstanding Alumni Chapter for 2009. From left: Cliff Reilly, Karen Stebelski, Bill Stebelski, Chapter President Jeanette Buie, Grand President Mitch Simmons, Gateway RVP Kevin Weber, Wayne Prichard, Lou Maull, and Brian Krippner.

#### **ALUMNI CHAPTER AWARDS**

#### Outstanding Alumni Chapter

Capital - Baltimore Eastern - Philadelphia Gateway - St. Louis Mid-Atlantic – Central Virginia New England - Boston Pacific Coast - Orange County Rocky Mountain - Denver Sierra Nevada - Fresno-CenCal Southeastern – Atlanta Southwestern - Fort Worth Cowtown Steel Valley - Cleveland-Akron

#### Most Improved

Atlantic Coast – Central Florida Capital - Baltimore Mid-South - Louisville New England – Boston Pacific Coast – Orange County Rocky Mountain - Denver Sierra Nevada – Fresno-CenCal Southwestern - Dallas Area Steel Valley - Cleveland-Akron

#### **Outstanding Service**

Eastern – Philadelphia Gateway - St. Louis Mid-Atlantic – Central Virginia Mid-South - Louisville Pacific Coast-Orange County Rocky Mountain - Denver Sierra Nevada – Fresno-CenCal Southeastern - Atlanta Southwestern - Fort Worth Cowtown Steel Valley - Cleveland-Akron

#### **Outstanding Professional** Activities

Capital - Baltimore Eastern – Philadelphia Gateway - St. Louis Pacific Coast - Orange County Rocky Mountain – Denver Sierra Nevada - Fresno-CenCal Southeastern - Atlanta Southwestern – Arlington Area Lone Star Steel Valley - Cleveland-Akron

#### **Outstanding Collegiate Relations**

Atlantic Coast - Central Florida Capital - Baltimore Eastern – Philadelphia Gateway - St. Louis Gulf Western – San Antonio Mid-Atlantic – Central Virginia Mid-South - Louisville New England-Boston Pacific Coast - Orange County Rocky Mountain - Denver Sierra Nevada - Fresno-CenCal Southeastern - Atlanta Southwestern - Dallas Area Steel Valley – Cleveland-Akron

## Congratulations to Helmet Honorees!

### Schoonenberg, Mehring Presented Helmets at Milwaukee Alumni Meeting



Gerald Mehring, Marquette, receives his Golden Helmet.

John Schoonenberg, Marquette, was honored with a Diamond Helmet for 75 years of service and Gerald Mehring, Marquette, with a Golden Helmet for 50 years of service at a meeting held in May by the Milwaukee Alumni Chapter.

The get-together included golf, a banquet, and annual meeting.

Schoonenberg was initiated in 1934, served in World War II, and worked for Wisconsin Bell (now AT&T), retiring in 1994. He is a charter member of the Milwaukee Alumni Chapter and has served as

president. "John personally knew many of the brothers who helped establish and form Delta Chapter in its early days," says current president Aaron McNerney. "Those brothers are just names to many of us... but his stories... help to bring our history and traditions alive." Schoonenberg lives in West Allis, Wis.

Mehring, who lives in West Bend, Wis., was an alumni chapter director form 1992-95. He is president and CEO of PJR Management, Inc., a hotel and restaurant business.



John Schoonenberg, Marquette, receives his Diamond Helmet.

## Ten Brothers Presented Silver Helmets at Grand Chapter Congress

Ten brothers were honored with presentation of Silver Helmets for 25 years of service at Congress, including Past Grand President Mitch Simmons. Other recipients include:

Adrian Avalos, Cal Poly-Pomona, is a Golden Council Member. He was recognized as National District Director of the Year in 1989 and has been District Director for a number of chapters. He is a former President of the Los Angeles Alumni Chapter and is a member of the Leadership Foundation's 2007 Centennial Society. He lives in Los Angeles.

Thomas Bankston, Angelo State, a 1976 faculty initiate, is Department Head for Accounting, Economics,

and Finance at Angelo State and has been Faculty Advisor to the chapter for most of his 33 years as a brother.

Tony Coe, Cal Poly-Pomona, a member of the 2007 Centennial Society, was initiated in 1984. After serving in the U.S. Army after graduation, he was assigned to the ROTC program at the University of Oklahoma and served as faculty advisor for Beta Epsilon Chapter. Following a two-year assignment in Korea, Brother Coe retired as a Lieutenant Colonel. He is District Director for Omicron Phi Chapter at Texas-San Antonio and Vice President for the San Antonio Alumni Chapter.

Heather Ferguson, Tampa, was initiated in 1983. As a

collegiate, she was recognized as the regional collegian of the year. Brother Ferguson is a Golden Council Member, former South Atlantic Regional Director, and former Executive Vice President of the Leadership Foundation. She is a Trustee Emeritus, cochaired Deltasig's National Centennial Steering Committee and is a member of the 2007 Centennial Society. She lives in West Palm Beach with husband Dean, Georgia State, and their son, Rvan.

**Jeff Fizer**, *Drake*, a member of the Chicago Alumni Chapter, was initiated in 1984. He is a Golden Council Member, and was recognized as National District Director of the Year in 1991. Jeff is a familiar face and voice in the Fraternity as he has led the singing of the "Rose of Deltasig" at several Grand Chapter Congress banquets.

Robby Hultz, Truman State, was initiated in 1983. Robby is a member of the Golden Council, having served as a Central Office Staff member in the 80's and 90's-first as a Chapter Consultant, then as Director of Administrative Services. Robby is married to Beth, Memphis. They live in southwest Missouri with their two sons.

Joe Mayne, St. Cloud State, a Leadership Foundation Trustee,

was initiated in 1984. He was recognized with the 2004 Career Achievement Award for his now 23 years of expertise in marketing, mentoring and motivating. Author of Aspire *Higher,* Brother Mayne is founder of The Mayne Speaker. He lives in Elk River, Minn., with his wife, Petra, and their children.

Joan Nason, Bowling Green State, was initiated in 1983. A Golden Council Member, she formerly served as South Central Regional Director. She is a Trustee Emeritus and served as Chair and President of the Leadership Foundation. She is a member of the 2007 Centennial Society and is active with the Atlanta Alumni Chapter. She lives in Georgia with husband, Corey, and their two daughters.

**Gail Niles** *Buffalo*, is a 1980 initiate. In the early 1980's, Brother Niles served as District Director in the Eastern Region. Later she moved to Houston to pursue an MBA, joined the Houston Alumni Chapter, and supported the Texas A&M Colony. When her daughter Noel decided to attend Albion College, Gail assisted her, along with her husband - Golden Council member Leon Niles, Rochester Tech - in establishing a new chapter there.

Leadership Foundation Trustee Emeritus Claire D. Moomjian, Akron, is presented a Silver Helmet by then Grand President Mitch Simmons (left) at the 2009 Southern LEAD **Provincial Conference** in Atlanta. Moomjian serves as District Director for Francis Marion and is Southern Provincial Service Chair. She is President/CEO of CDM Enterprises and lives in Georgetown, S.C.



## **Introducing Your New Leadership Team!**

The final business session of each Grand Chapter Congress is devoted to the election of the Board of Directors and Regional Vice Presidents ... the men and women who will lead Delta Sigma Pi for the subsequent biennium. At the 47th Grand Chapter Congress in Washington, DC, an outstanding group of dedicated Deltasigs became your new leaders. Here they are!

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

#### **Grand President:**

Mark Chiacchiari, Pennsylvania **Email:** grandpresident@dspnet.org Residence: Newbury, Ohio **Profession:** IT Manager, Progressive Insurance

#### **Past Grand President** and Nominations Chair:

Mitch Simmons, Southern Mississippi

**Email:** mbsimmons@att.net **Residence:** Marietta, Ga.

Profession: Agent, Georgia Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company

#### Vice President—Organizational **Development:**

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**Profession:** ESL Lead Teacher, Department Head, Arlington Independent School District

#### **Vice President—Finance:**

Joe Ward, Lewis

**Email:** wardjos@aol.com **Residence:** Burbank, Ill.

**Profession:** CFO, Hawkinson Nissan/KIA

#### 2008 Collegian of the Year:

Ashlev Henry, Drake

**Email:** ashley1686@gmail.com Residence: Oklahoma City, Okla. **Profession:** Retail Sales Representative,

Nestle

#### 2009 Collegian of the Year:

Burton Bridges, Christian Brothers **Email:** burtonbridges@gmail.com Residence: Memphis, Tenn.

**Profession:** Representative, National Program Marketing, ALSAC/St. Jude Children's Research Hospital



Newly elected leaders gathered September 25-27 in Oxford, Ohio, for the National Leadership Retreat.

#### North Central PVP: Amy Briggs,

Minnesota-Mankato

Email: brotherbriggs@hotmail.com **Residence:** St. Louis Park, Minn.

**Profession:** Staff Operations and Training Specialist, Department of the Army, 644th

Regional Support Group

Northeastern PVP: Paul Carpinella, Bentley

**Email:** pcarpinella230@yahoo.com Residence: Stoughton, Mass.

**Profession:** Marketing Project Manager, Windstar Technologies, Inc.

South Central PVP: Los Ellis, Oklahoma

Email: los@losellis.com **Residence:** Austin, Texas

**Profession:** Government/Professional

Speaker

Southern PVP: David B. Ross, Florida

**Email:** drrossdb@bellsouth.net Residence: Delray Beach, Fla. **Profession:** Program Professor, Nova

Southeastern University

Western PVP: Lisa Brown, Cal Poly-San

Luis Obispo

**Email:** noelle12399@comcast.net **Residence:** Pleasanton, Calif.

**Profession:** IT Senior Manager, Sybase

#### **REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENTS**

Atlantic Coast: Christopher Sweet, Central

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**Profession:** Guest Service Manager,

Walt Disney World

Bay Area: Sanjay Trivedi, San Jose State **Email:** sanjay.trivedi@yahoo.com

Residence: Newark, Calif. **Profession:** Financial Analyst, Wells Fargo

Capital: Stacy Jordan, Georgia Southern

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Residence: McLean, Va.

**Profession:** IT Specialist, U.S. Department

of Veterans Affairs

Central: Hillary Burkett, Indiana-Purdue at

Indianapolis

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**Profession:** Account Manager, Enigma Marketing & Travel Solutions

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Profession: Mortgage Consultant, Norstar

Mortgage

**Desert Mountain**: Dave Glanzrock,

Arizona State

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**Profession:** Owner, Leave Your Boss, LLC

East Central: Tionna Van Gundy, Bowling

Green State

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**Profession:** Executive Assistant, Accent on

Management

**Eastern**: Tom Calloway, *Penn State-Erie* **Email:** thomas.calloway116@gmail.com Residence: Newtown Square, Pa. **Profession:** Senior Report Analyst, Smart Business & Advisory Services

Gateway: Kevin Weber, Missouri-St. Louis

**Email:** gatewayrvp@yahoo.com Residence: St. Louis, Mo.

**Profession:** 2nd Level Analyst, Ceridian

Corporation

**Great Lakes**: Dennis Protasio, *DePaul* Email: dwprotasio@yahoo.com Residence: Glendale Heights, Ill. **Profession:** Customer Marketing Manager, Solo Cup Company

**Great Plains**: Rachelle Divis,

*Wayne State (NE)* 

**Email:** rdivis 1@hotmail.com Residence: Omaha, Neb.

**Profession:** Director of Administration,

Signal 88 Security

Gulf South: Jason Campagna, Our Lady of

Holu Cross

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# If it's Tuesday, It Must Be Kuwait

Editor's Note: Tracey Moss, Houston, travels the world for Chevron. Presented here are some "blog" excerpts outlining various business travel adventures Tracey experienced this year.

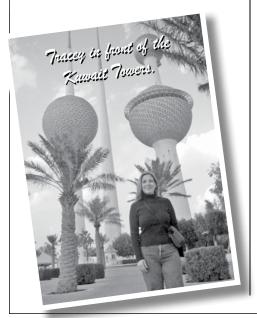
#### **Kuwait, January 30**

y boss Dick Morris and I arrived safely in Kuwait City. We're staying at the Hilton Kuwait Beach Resort, on the beach with pools, a work out facility, spa, several restaurants and, most importantly, a Starbucks!

The women wear complete western clothes (jeans/pants and shirt), western clothes with a head wrap, or the full black burka (or burga). For men, it's 50/50 western clothing and Muslim dress (robes with traditional headdress). I will wear western clothing, but no shorts in public. In my short time here, I have not seen many fairskinned, blond haired, blue-eyed females so I stick out like the proverbial sore thumb.

Someone was waiting at the gate to assist with our business visas and get us through customs. We have a driver assigned to us 24/7 but Dick has been here many, many times and is comfortable using the local taxi service so we'll see what happens.

An observation: Men ignore you and push you out of the way if you are not aggressive. You think you are standing in line for service and three men will cut in front of you. You





have to stand directly behind the person in front of you, practically breathing down their neck, so no one will cut in front of you.

#### January 31

We start with a Starbucks and walk around the beach. The Persian Gulf smells like Galveston, not a pleasant smell, but it reminds me of home.

At 4 p.m. we grab a taxi and head to the local Souk (market). On our way, we visited the Kuwait Towers. The towers are of great significance to the Kuwaitis as a symbol of the country and most recognized landmark. During the Iraqi invasion Saddam Hussein vowed to destroy the towers. But only minor damage was done and they remain standing today.

We arrived at the Al Mubarakiya Souk. This is where the locals go for their shopping. There were NO WESTERNERS OR TOURISTS anywhere. Since we were the only pale-skinned people in the market, we turned heads down every aisle we walked. We shopped and ate, including kofta, a ground lamb shish-kabob type food. As we walk away, everyone says good-bye while trying to serve us more food.

#### February 2

Sunday is the first day of the work week here. We waited, and waited, for our driver to pick us up. The driver, a Filipino, (there are a lot of Asian-Pacific workers in Kuwait) finally comes, more than 45 minutes late. The drive is approximately 45 minutes to the office – in the desert, with tents erected in the middle of nowhere. We also saw camels.

A note about Chevron in Kuwait: Saudi has contracted with Chevron to operate jointly on its behalf with Kuwait. So this isn't a true 100% Chevron operation. We get to the main office, go through security and are directed to a conference room to meet Chevron folks (all expats) who are helping arrange the training I will be conducting.

Dick and I then depart to visit Chairman Aziz of Kuwait Drilling Company (KDC). KDC is owned by one of the wealthiest families in Kuwait and Chairman Aziz is the head of it all. We arrive at his office and the chairman rings the "Tea Boy." Young and old, Tea Boys wear little vests with bow ties and go from office to office, taking your coffee and tea order and serving it in pretty china cups. Why haven't Americans thought of this?

#### **Class Time**

We arrive at the training room and set up. Students arrive and a Tea Boy is assigned to bring us drinks and cookies. As usual, the students (mostly expats) are NOT excited to be sitting in a classroom all day learning about category management (i.e., procurement and supply chain).

At the start of class, I ask what ground rules do we want to lay out and place mine at the top of the list:"No One Can Mention the Score of the Super Bowl or Who Won."The guys all find this amusing and threaten to tell me the score throughout the day.

After class, a guy comes up to me and comments that he liked the class, enjoyed the discussions, and thanked me for teaching it. WOW! This is why I do this. It feels good when they pay you compliments. I love that they are learning and enjoying it.

#### **Final Kuwait Entry**

Class ended sooner than planned and I was able to come home a day early. My husband John picks me up at the airport and I get to watch the Super Bowl that he recorded for me!

It was a great learning experience for me and I'm grateful for the opportunity that Chevron has given me to travel to places I would never visit on my own.

#### Aberdeen, Scotland, March 13-27

After arriving in Scotland with three co-workers, we checked in at the lovely Norwood Hall. It's incredible. It was built in the mid 1800's and was originally a large mansion. It has 37 rooms full of antique wood, furniture, and fixtures and has several working fireplaces.

#### Monday/Tuesday: Work

I facilitated a class in the hotel conference room. For breakfast, the hotel offered up fried bacon sandwiches and pastries. Yes, slabs of fried bacon between two pieces of bread. No egg, no cheese, no tomato. Mmmmm...healthy.

#### Wednesday-Friday: Work

The Chevron office is pretty cool. Lots of neon. Very modern and located in a nice area of Aberdeen.

The weather has been great, partly sunny days and not too cold. Everything is so green here!

When I have time off, I go out in search of four things: souvenirs, a kilt/tartan store, a couple of pubs

(O'Neill's Irish Pub and Blackfriar Pub), and a bagpiper. I notice a beautiful old church turned into...get this...Soul, a casino, night club and restaurant. I didn't go in. I managed to find my other items, and especially enjoy the Blackfriar Pub, recommended to me by Jeff Berlat, *Houston*. The bagpiper is part of a wedding reception in the hotel lobby.

For dinner, I head out to Blackfriar and plan to revisit O'Neill's. You may ask, "Why is she so crazy about this O'Neill's place?" I just love the Irish. I love the music, I love the people, and I love the pubs. I did Irish dancing for a couple of years (think Riverdance) and loved it. I had a couple of Deltasig brothers participate in the classes with me (Derry Webb and Joelle Berlat, both Houston). We had a blast!

#### Kazakhstan

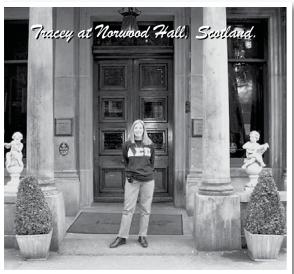
Hello from Atyrau, Kazakhstan! After nine hours on KLM to Amsterdam, a four hour layover and then another four and a half hours on Astana Air, plus an hour going through immigration, I finally made it to the Renaissance Hotel and in my room. The hotel is quite nice with a gym, a large pool and hot tub.

#### **Saturday**

Woke up at 6:30 a.m. and take my time getting ready. Someone from my company's office is going to take me sightseeing. I look outside my window to get a feel for the area. Yikes, not pretty! It looks flat and as if the houses are shacks.

First stop is attending service at the Russian Orthodox Church and then visiting three markets for souvenir shopping.

I am excited about seeing this church because we Orthodox had our Easter last week. At the Russian church, they



celebrate the end of the week with a special service. Built in 1886 and refurbished in 2000, the church is like nothing I have ever seen.

A majority of the congregation was made up of Russian grandmothers. I spoke in my limited Greek hoping they would understand SOMETHING. Nothing, not a smile, not even a sign that they understood or acknowledged what I was saying. They just stared at me. Oh well, let them think I am a church crasher.

Next it was off to some of the markets. Here are some facts about Kazakhstan:

- Money: Kazakhstan Tenge (pron. 'tin-gee', 'g' as in 'gun'). 500KZT = \$3.50 USD.
  - Independence from USSR in 1991.
- Two languages spoken Kazakh and Russian. Russian is official language and used for business.
- Population is 47% Sunni Muslim and 44% Russian Orthodox
  - Cars drive on the right side of the road
- Unusual foods: horse, camel's milk, and horse milk (horse milk is given to special guests visiting in the home).

#### Sunday

Before going back home, I went to a Sunday service at the Russian Orthodox Church. I point out a black, wrap-around skirt and an elderly lady helps me put it on over my jeans. Like the day before, no one smiles or shows any emotion to welcome me. While the woman helps me with the skirt, she spits on me three times. For those who are not familiar with this custom, we Greeks do it too. Have you ever watched "My Big Fat Greek Wedding?" In the movie, this act was done many times, especially when the bride was walking down the aisle. Greeks "fake spit" towards someone

they want to protect from the evil eye (the devil, jealousy, etc).

So I'm hoping the spitting in Russian means a good thing like in Greek.

That evening, I was invited to an expat's home in the Chevron "camp" for dinner. The camp is a small gated community where all the houses look the same: cookie-cutter beige stucco with one car garages, small trees. A small playground and recreation center is on the property as well. Dinner consisted of chicken on the backyard grill, BBQ baked beans, corn and salad. Yum! Now this I could eat!

Here are some interesting facts and tidbits:

- Expat assignments are usually two to three years.
- The children of expats do not go to the local school but rather have a small school within the compound with very small classes.
  - No golf ANYWHERE.
- Expats are not allowed to drive (the traffic is awful and no one obeys traffic laws) but there is a car service available 24/7.
- In the summer, most families have three months off and go back home.
- The non-working spouses can get bored to tears, but as with any small community, everyone knows everyone's business and nothing is private. Lots of gossip going on.
- The uplift in salary to live in a desolate place like this...pretty handsome and you'll be able to retire at an early age.

My next trip? For sure it will be Perth, Australia, but I may have to make a trip to China and Indonesia (Jakarta, Balikpapin and Duri) soon. Wherever it is, it's always an adventure!

Oh, and I did learn from the locals that spitting three times is good luck. I knew that Russian grandmother was beginning to warm up to me!



New job? Start a new business? Get promoted or recognized for an achievement? Share your news with us! Email magazine@dspnet.org.

#### **Milestones**

Did you recently tie the knot? Welcome a new bundle of joy? Do you know a brother who has passed away? If so, please tell us. Email your mergers, gains or losses to magazine@dspnet.org.

Elizabeth Greeno and Robert Paulus, both Arizona State, on September 12. They live in Jacksonville, N.C.

Jessica Collins and Matt Marion, both Colorado State, on August 22. They live in Parker, Colo.

Jason Gritters, Colorado State, on August 1 to Erika Pillow. They live in Littleton, Colo.

Mary Norman, Indiana State, on September 13 to Bruce Haskin. They live in Burkburnett, Texas.

Michael Z. Brenan, Miami-Florida, on April 29 to Roxy Armstrong. They live in Miami.

Amanda Lewis and Jason Castle, both Northern Colorado, on June 26. They live in Greeley,

Michelle Medalglia, Santa Clara, on July 11 to Brandon Studley, Cal State-Chico. They live in Mountain View, Calif.

#### Gains

Sara Luzier Monaghen, Baker, and Sean on August 20-Gillian Hope. She joins siblings Jordan and Wyatt. They live in Newton, Kansas.

Kara Hoover-Lenox, Ball State, and Darren, DePaul, on July 10-Addison Naomi. They live in Mount Prospect, Ill.

Jason Kenworthy, Bowling Green, and Tracy (Creager), Cincinnati, on May 28—Alexander Foster. They live in San Francisco.

Scott J. McKim, Bowling Green, and Angela on February 28-Ryan Allen. They live in Lewis Center, Ohio.

Susan Rief McKee, Nebraska-Lincoln, and Kyle on April 1-Lindsay Ann. They live in Blue Springs, Mo.

Wesley Gray, Pennsylvania, and Katie on May 14-Alice Mae. They live in Baltimore.

Decker, Priscilla Tennessee-Knoxville, and Jason on July 10-Andrew. They live in Owensboro, Ky.

Malia Richmond, Troy, and Wes on May 18-Victoria Ashley. She joins sibling James. They live in Mt. Pleasant, Texas.

#### Losses

#### **Boston**

George A. Robertson (May 8) **Buffalo** 

Thomas R. Leone (September 18) Joseph A. Vollmar (February 21) Andrew G. Weidner (December 17,

#### Cincinnati

Randall W. Bender (September 14,

#### Clemson

Donovan Jones (August 23)

#### Colorado State

Elizabeth Freeman (April 17)

#### Columbus

Harry L. Reed (March 28, 2008) Drake

Neil Parmenter (May 3)

Florida State

#### John Fellers (July 8)

Georgia State

Donald Clegg (July 4)

#### Howard

Daniel Jones (August 15)

#### Indiana-Bloomington

Kevin D. Moir (January 21)

#### Marquette

Walter R. Meier (April 8)

#### Minnesota State

Dean W. Abraham (March 18)

#### Missouri-Columbia

Bob R. Moss (June 6)

#### E. Dale Nettleton (May 16)

Northwestern-Chicago

Mark O'Daniell (August 13)

#### Pennsylvania

Edmund Goddard (August)

#### Sam Houston State

Thomas Osborn (August 19)

#### Southern Mississippi

Charles R. Birchfield (June 13)

#### Temple

James L. Brown (August)

#### Edward Toland (August)

**Texas Christian** 

#### B. Ross Atkins (June 6)

Tulane

Henry Montgomery (September 28, 2008)

#### Western State

Matthew W. Duthie (June 19)

William C. Morris, Alabama, has started Creative Design Solutions, an Internet web design and publishing company in Northport, Ala.

Seth Crawford, Arizona State, is director of marketing for John Deere's European office in Mannheim, Germany.

Kirsten Weiss, California-Riverside, is a financial advisor with SGC Financial in San Mateo, Calif.

Kathy Nguyen, Cal State-Fullerton, is assistant product manager for Newegg. The company e-commerce based in Whittier, Calif.

Bryan Huang, Cal State-Fullerton, is promotions specialist at Newegg.

Darlysa Westley Christa Hudson, both collegiate members at Florida State, held summer internships with Legendary Resorts at the Emerald Grande Resort in Destin, Fla.

Tim Gover, Eastern Illinois, was elected to the Mattoon (Ill.) City Council in April. Gover received the most votes among 10 candidates for four council slots, according to the *Journal Gazettte/Times Courier.* Gover previously served on the city's Finance Commission. He is professor emeritus of finance at Eastern Illinois.

Jaime Missimer, Loyola-New Orleans, is assistant coordinator for advising in the biology department at Xavier University of Louisiana in New Orleans.

Richard Herdegen, Marquette, was presented an honorary membership in the British Motor Industry Public Affairs Association in April. The honor was in recognition of his contributions as a General Motors public relations executive based in London, 1968-1974. Herdegen held other executive assignments for GM before his retirement in 1993.

Norman Kromberg, Nebraska-Lincoln, is information security vice president for Western Interactive Corporation in Omaha. He is a Past Grand President.

Maria Ramos, Roger Williams, was elected "Planner of the Year" by the Philadelphia Area Chapter of Meeting Professionals International (PAMPI). Ramos is a meeting manager for Association Headquarters based in Mt. Laurel, N.J. She has worked there since 2008 and been an active PAMPI member since 2005. The award recognizes outstandassociation/industry/ ing community contributions, leadership and professionalism by a member in a career of involvement, commitment and achievement.

Joe Mayne, St. Cloud State, has published his second book, Your Hire Calling: Unconventional Job Search Tactics That Work for College Students in Any Economy – available at Amazon.com.

Gregory Dolski, St. Joseph's, began a two-year commercial leadership program in marketing and sales at GE Transportation in October. He lives in Doylestown, Pa.

Mark Roberts, San Francisco, is the owner of a new Farmers Insurance Agency, Roberts Insurance Services, in Orinda, Calif.

James B. Davis, Jr., West Liberty State, is chair of the

Association of Government Accountant's (AGA) Northern Virginia Chapter that received the Chapter Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) Award in June. The award recognized chapters that have done an outstanding job in promoting the CGFM program and its members, other accountability professionals and their community. Davis is employed as team leader-financial resources division, Defense Business Opera-Directorate, Department of Defense Inspector General. He earned CGFM certification in June and recently passed the CPA exam.

# Murty One of "Top 40 Under 40"

Vik Murty, Bentley, was named to the "Top 40 Under 40" list of emerging talent in the consumer electronics industry in Dealerscope magazine. The list highlights individuals who are shaping the consumer electronics industry from all areas of expertise. Brother Murty is general manager for SellPath and vice president at Channel Intelligence, Inc. (CI).

CI is a product data technology and marketing company based in Orlando. SellPath services enable manufacturers' brands to work more effectively online with retail partners to create brand image, articulate messages, and increase sales.

Brother Murty joined CI in 2007. He lives in Orlando with his wife, Ana Petermann.

## Ferguson Heads Up Destination DC



Elliott Ferguson, Savannah State, is the new president and CEO of Destination DC.

Deltasigs attending Congress had a special greeting from Brother Elliott Ferguson, *Savannah State*, who was named president and CEO of Destination DC in July. A non-profit, Destination DC is the official convention and tourism corporation for the nation's capital and represents more than 1,000 businesses.

Ferguson, who was senior vice president of convention sales and services for Destination DC, was selected after a national search.

"It's an exciting opportunity

and challenge to lead this organization and set the strategy for continued success," said Ferguson.

Brother Ferguson is married to Telesa Via. He led sales teams at convention and visitors bureaus in Savannah and Atlanta before joining Destination DC in 2001. He is a member of numerous industry organizations, is a resident of Capitol Hill, and an active mentor with Capital Partners, a private equity investment firm.

## Passion for Sports Leads to New Business

In late 2008, Kevin A. Adamson, *Lynchburg*, decided a change was in order. A trial lawyer and registered mediator and arbitrator, he started KASE Management in Atlanta with two friends and former professional baseball players, Joey (Chicago Cubs) and Shane Monahan (Seattle Mariners). The full service sports and entertainment agency combines Brother Adamson's two passions: sports and representation.

Kevin and Savannah Ramsey, Lynchburg, created the business plan for KASE, while Wendy Braxton, Kennesaw State, wrote much of the marketing materials, and Carrie Burns, *Mercer*, created the KASE web site.

KASE represents baseball players primarily – Kevin played baseball in college, then in adult leagues – and has coached little league teams in the Marietta area. Current clients include Tobias Streich, drafted by the Minnesota Twins in 2009's 5th round. KASE also represents Vincent Belnome, who has had success in the San Diego Padres' minor league clubs.

"We are dedicated to providing the best opportunities for our clients," says Brother Adamson. "Our goal is to help clients create balanced and successful professional and personal lives." The KASE team works with clients on everything from negotiating contracts through managing assets to post-retirement strategies.

Adamson strongly encourages KASE clients to give back to their communities as well, providing endorsement opportunities on a local as well as a national level.

An Atlanta native, Adamson earned his law degree from Samford University. He has a bachelor's degree from LaGrange College and MBA from Lynchburg, where he was initiated into Delta Sigma Pi as a charter member in 1996. He is a member of the Georgia Bar Association, American Bar Association, and the Georgia Trial Lawvers' Association. Brother Adamson lives in the Atlanta area with his wife, Starla.



## Successful Philanthropy: Helping Kids in Need

Over \$2,400 and \$4,000 worth of school supplies were raised at Grand Chapter Congress for the Kids in Need Foundation. "The response was overwhelming!" said Tracey Moss, former National Community Service Committee Chair.

A thank you note from Foundation Gift in Kind Manager Lesley Walton thanked those who contributed: "I only wish you could see the many smiling faces and experience the excitement the children feel once they receive their school supplies."

"For every \$1 raised, Kids in Need can buy \$25 in supplies," added Brother Moss. "Thanks to all who contributed!"

For more information about Kids in Need, visit www.kinf.org. ▲

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## **Boosting Confidence** With a Better Wardrobe

By Belyn V. Lai, California-Irvine

I think the alarm went off at 5:00 a.m. I'm still not sure. I went about my morning routine sluggishly while reminding myself that I was going to do something good; I was going to change someone's life today.

I arrived at Los Amigos High School, along with brothers from all over the Pacific Coast Region. We were here to help Working Wardrobes, a non-profit organization whose mission is to empower men, women, and young adults in crises to confidently enter the workforce through career development and wardrobe services.

We heard Jerri Rosen, founder of Working Wardrobes, introduce organization and mission. I learned that Working Wardrobes'Women's Day of Self-Esteem is dedicated to building the confidence of women from different backgrounds. guests would be here any minute,



Brothers from CALIFORNIA-IRVINE, CAL POLY-POMONA, CAL STATE-FULLERTON and CALIFORNIA-RIVERSIDE volunteered for Working Wardrobes "Women's Day of Self Esteem" in April. More than 100 of the 300 volunteers for the day were Deltasigs. Volunteers met at Los Amigos High School to help 110 women select wardrobes and accessories to build their confidence to enter the job market. (More information on Working Wardrobes is available at: www.workingwardrobes.org/index.html.)

and we would help them pick out a new wardrobe as their personal shoppers.

I worked with two other volunteers, Christina Apoorva. We were directed to a young lady named Jessica\*, who seemed to be a little shy. We asked her what she wanted, what colors she liked, what style she was looking for, and all sorts of questions that would help us. We decided that we would find clothes for her first, then accessories to go along with her clothes and a new hairstyle.

Jessica gave us her sizes, and we browsed the racks to find something she could wear with

confidence. Confidence seemed to be something that she lacked. As we browsed through the racks, she made remarks like, "I can't wear that. I'm too fat." It hurt me to see that she was blind to her own beauty. With a few articles of clothing in our hands, we headed to the dressing room.

As Jessica tried on more clothing, I could see her beginning to give her opinion. She was starting to pick out things that she didn't like and the things that she did like and it started to become easier for us to help her.

Picking accessories was next and before long, Jessica had a bracelet and earrings that looked marvelous on her! The last department was make-up. Now that was something that I could really help with.

Jessica seemed like a different person at the makeup station. She was decisive about what kind of make-up she wanted. The makeup artist tried to incorporate what Jessica wanted, but she had a difficult time. Jessica looked at me with disappointment.

I had to do something for Jessica. Today was her day, and I wanted to make sure that she was truly happy with everything. I picked out the take-home make-up samples, borrowed brushes and eye-liner pens and took my time on Jessica's face, making sure that I carefully applied the shadows in all the right places. I then directed her to another make-up artist to add

I accompanied her to lunch. I brought Jessica to Apoorva and Christina so that they could see how wonderful she looked. We smiled as we saw how different she seemed. Just a few hours ago, Jessica was timid and shy, and now she was a beautiful butterfly soaring with confidence.

After lunch, we watched a fashion show with men from Delta Sigma Pi accompanying the models.

On April 26, hundreds of volunteers came together to help build confidence and encourage the metamorphosis of 110 women. Out of the volunteers who came out, 104 were brothers and pledges from Delta Sigma Pi. On this day, we proved to these women and to this organization that the world truly is better because Delta Sigma Pi dwells upon it.

\*Name changed for confidentiality reasons.

#### Leung Attends Leadership Adventure



Evan Leung, Houston

Evan Leung, *Houston*, joined 200 other student leaders from across the country to attend a PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) Leadership Adventure. The two-day program complements what students learn in the classroom to help them prepare for a career in accounting. "It provided hands-on experience to develop my leadership and teamwork abilities and achieve a better understanding of the accounting field,"

said Brother Leung. The event was held in Chicago in late July. Leung, a junior at Houston, said he'll use skills he learned with his chapter and with the Accounting Society. His long-term

goals include a master's degree and a CPA.

#### Albion/Pi Tau

It was all about looking good on September 15 when we presented our second annual Dress for Success. We enjoyed food and watched chapter members model, runway style, correct and incorrect business casual, professional business and black-tie outfits. Chapter Advisor Vicki Baker, Missouri State, professor of management and Karen Erlandson, Albion, professor and chair of communications studies, emceed the event and guizzed the audience. Those who answered correctly won gift cards from Macy's. -Mike Hall

#### **Bowling Green State/Theta Pi**

We kicked off fall semester with two community service events: brothers brought in 195 pairs of socks for Hannah's Socks, an Ohio non-profit organization that provides necessities to the less fortunate in Toledo, Cincinnati and surrounding areas; and on September 12 over 20 brothers participated in the Northeast Ohio Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. Several alumni

joined as well. We held our formal in Chicago in September with 42 brothers attending. We also are hosting weekly brotherhood events. We've already had bowling and board game nights and participated in the homecoming parade.

#### Colorado Boulder/Nu Phi

-Erica Rohr

Matthew VanDriel was in Washington, D.C. this summer for a 10-week internship with U.S. Senator Mark Udall (D-CO). VanDriel, a senior, has a triple major in political science, business and economics. He focused on health care and education issues, talked to constituents, wrote letters, and researched bills. VanDriel was especially inspired by his daily walk to work. "In those five minutes I would walk by the Library of Congress, Capitol, the Supreme Court, and then walk into our building," says VanDriel. "The feeling I got from that walk is hard to describe, but it was hard not to get excited and motivated." -Amanda E. Perryman

## George Mason University/ Mu Tau Mu Tau teamed up wit leges Against Cancer to b

Mu Tau teamed up with Colleges Against Cancer to host the First Annual Drive for Life Golf Tournament in October. Mu Tau will use money raised to fund professional development programs. –The Mason Gazette

#### **Houston/Eta Psi**

Our chapter obtained a \$1,500 sponsorship from El Paso Corporation for the 2009-2010 academic year. As part of the sponsorship, we co-hosted a fajita dinner and professional event with the Bauer College Rockwell Career Center. Rita Braggs from Rockwell gave a presentation on how to build and improve a resume, a tutorial on preparing a "30 second elevator speech," and tips on looking for an internship. Rob Ferguson, head recruiter for El Paso Corporation, showed a PowerPoint on career fair "dos and don'ts." Participants also talked to Ferguson about internship opportunities at El Paso Corporation. –Andrew Conachey

#### Northern Colorado/Nu Phi

In September, we hosted Monfort After Hours. Keynote speaker Sarah MacQuiddy, president of the Greeley Chamber of Commerce, presented tips on successful networking. We set up information tables with Greeley Young Professionals, Career Services, 90 Octane (a large marketing agency in Denver), Edward Jones, and Giollhofer Financial. We also had tables with representatives from Monfort College of Business including our chapter, the Financial Management Association and the Management Fund. –Kelsey Highland

#### **North Texas/Delta Epsilon**

Delta Epsilon hosted a fashion show to educate students on how to dress for an interview and on the job. Jane Le, host, "What I liked most about the program were all the company representatives that dedicated their time to come out to watch the show and network."

Attendees learned not to overdress and to pay attention to every detail because first impressions are what count. Entrepreneurship major Lisa Jellison said it's important to look the part. "My dad always told me to dress appropriately everywhere I go, especially when going to pick up an application at a job," she said. "Those first few seconds of meeting a potential employer are important." —Pegasusnews.com

#### Penn State/Alpha Gamma

Alpha Gamma participated in a Business Fraternity Council Mixer in September, along with four other business fraternities at Penn State. Chapter representatives were available at information booths. – *The Daily Collegian* 

## Congratulations to Blood Drive Participants!

Fifty-three chapters participated in Delta Sigma Pi's blood drive this past year and registered their event with former National Community Service Chair Tracey Moss. "Let's keep up the momentum!" urges Brother Moss. "Start planning today for the next blood drive initiative, through April 30." Chapters that participated and registered include:

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Brothers at SAN DIEGO STATE had Delta Sigma Pi on their minds even during spring break. From left: Brianna Woo, Gina Paquipiso, Randa Allen, Steven McKillop, Justin Archulette, Patricia Munger and Claudia Alvarez.

#### Share news about your alumni chapter activities! Email your news and photos to magazine@dspnet.org



D.C. area collegiate chapter delegates with former Capital RVP Frank Hodas and former PVP Onuka Ibe during Congress (back row, right).



Thirty COLUMBUS AREA brothers attended the first official event at BW3's.

#### **Arlington Area Lone Star**

We welcome a new leadership team: J. Dean Craig is our president and Richard Ashton senior vice president. We are proud of Lone Star members Paul Brodie, elected National Vice President-Organizational Development, and Los Ellis, elected South Central PVP at Congress.

We held a Lone Star reception prior to Congress, our annual Luau in July, and our Third Annual Lone Star Alumni Texas-OU Watch Party in October.

At our Luau, Brother Ashton received the Leader of the Year Award: Erik Ezell received the Officer of the Year Award: and Los Ellis was presented our Alumni Brother of the Year Award.

We invite you to become a friend of the chapter on Facebook: www. facebook.com/home.php#/group. php?gid=5803068327&ref=ts.

- Richard Ashton

#### **Atlanta**

Atlanta will host the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Leadership Foundation



Charity Golf Tournament beginning at noon on Saturday, May 1, at the BridgeMill Athletic Club in Canton, Ga. A dinner and awards banquet begins at 6:30 p.m. For complete information, visit: www. dspatlanta.com/golf or email golf@dspatlanta.com. - Danny Gaines, tournament chair

#### Chicago

We had eventful an summer with a golf outing and picnic, hosted a pre-Congress Meet and Greet, and were represented at Congress with 50 members. Fall included participating in a leukemia and lýmphoma walk in downtown Chicago, collegiate/alumni football game, and our Founders' Day banquet on November 7. Our holiday party is December 5 and we will host a Home for the Holidays on December 18 for all brothers, especially collegiates that are home on winter break. Everyone welcome. Contact Kara Hoover-Lenox at khlenox@sbeglobal.net for more information or visit: www.Chicagodsp.org.

- Lindsay Allen

#### **Cleveland-Akron**

We hosted a winery tour in May and a golf outing in July. Proceeds went to the chapter's scholarship fund. - Sarah Richardson

#### **Colorado Springs**

Vice President Michelle Herbst created a mentorship program. "When I was asked as a recent graduate what I would have liked from alumni, I wanted a mentor; personally and professionally. That older individual you can call when you need something, anything, and no questions are asked. There is a lot that DSP teaches us as a collegiate, but why not learn even more from alumni experience?"



ARLINGTON AREA LONE STAR held a luau in July. Those attending included, from left: J. Dean Craig, Richard Ashton, Paul Brodie, and Los Ellis.



DALLAS AREA brothers held a Red Cross blood drive in June.

The program allows each pair to define their goals and schedule. It is a perfect opportunity for busy alumni to support DSP on their own time. The program was implemented last spring and is expanding this fall semester. "Give a man a fish; you have fed him for today. Teach a man to fish; and you have fed him for a lifetime." This ancient Chinese proverb speaks directly to the fact that we empower people for life when we teach them to do things. Colorado Springs Alumni are working to help the next generation of Deltasigs prepare for life. – *Jesse Hernandez* 

#### **Columbus Area**

We have a roster of 90 brothers from various chapters, states, and professions. Our first official event was a meet and greet with over 30 brothers attending. We also gathered donations for Kids in Need, the Congress community service project. Our leadership: Tionna Van Gundy, president; Marissa Hoffecker, vice president; Dionna Burkins, secretary; Stephanie Huelsman, treasurer; and Tracy Saykham, webmaster. We also appreciate five brothers who serve on a national level. - Tionna Van Gundy

#### **Dallas Area**

Dallas Area Alumni and Post Properties hosted a Red Cross Blood Drive in June, with 20 pints donated from 24 donors, 18 of which were brothers including then RVP Amanda Wood, Fort Worth Cowtown President Lindsay Egan, Dallas Area Alumni President Bron Austin Deal and Past President of Delta Epsilon (North Texas) Kim Patillo. – Bron Deal

#### **DC Metro**

A highlight of Congress was our Meet and Greet held at Bar Louie on August 17 and attended by brothers from across the country. We worked a host table throughout Congress, sold limited edition lapel pins and donated to Kids in Need. We salute Onuke Ibe and Frank Hodas for their service as both retired from elected leadership positions.

Post GCC activities include a fall picnic and chapter officer elections. For more information on DC Metro, visit: www.dspmetro.info or join our Facebook group: DC Metro Deltasig. – Stacy Jordan

#### Hawaii

We held a barbecue next to the ocean in Hilo in September. President Raynette Mar and

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Top, front row from left: Shirley Brower, Walt Brower, Bill Schilling, and Alan Wiman. Back row, Herb Young, Claire McGrath, Joan Young, E. Dwight Clark, and Joseph Casarella. Below, undergraduate brothers with Rodney Carswell (center front), District Director for College of New Jersey. Below right, from left: Herb Young, Timothy Glen, Tim Schuster (president of Beta Xi, received scholarship), Walt Brower, Joseph Casarella, and E. Dwight Clark.



## Beta Xi at Rider Celebrates 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

eta Xi at Rider held a 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon during Rider's Reunion Weekend, June 13. Eighty brothers, undergraduates and alumni, attended, representing states including Kentucky, Virginia, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and others. Rider's President Mordechai Rozanski and Vice President Jonathan Meer greeted attendees.

The luncheon was chaired by Rider Professor Emeritus Walter Brower, *Rider*, former chapter faculty advisor and former member of the Grand Council of Delta Sigma Pi. Current faculty advisor Alan Wiman, *Virginia Tech*, professor of marketing in the College of Business, spoke. Delta Sigma Pi Executive Director Bill Schilling was a special guest and shared historical items related to Beta Xi's founding in 1934. RVP Tom Calloway, *Penn State Erie*, and District Director Linda Fritschy, *Rider*, also attended.

Two scholarships of \$1,000 each were awarded to undergraduates Tim Schuster, chapter president, and Melissa Cloonan. The scholarship fund was established ten years ago by Rider Brothers Herbert Young, Joseph Casarella and Brower. ▲



## Southern California Alumni Still Close and Crazy After 20 Years

By Jim Siegrist, Southern California

like most "good ideas," this one started at a USC tailgate. None of us are sure how it came up and I am not even sure which game it was (I know USC won). We were remembering the crazy days of college and good times in Delta Sigma Pi that forever linked us together. USC tailgating was sure to bring us together each fall, but what about after the season was over? We needed another idea.

I had been running for a couple of years and mentioned that I was looking forward to the Camp Pendleton Mud Run, a 10K on the Camp Pendleton Marine Corps base in Oceanside (near San Diego). To make it more exciting, they throw in a few mud pits, tunnels, walls, lake crossings, and fire hoses, among other obstacles. And you're supposed to run it in army utility pants (UTS) and army boots. We obtained five Phi alumni to make up a team: Ross Larson, Uri Budnik, Daniel Simon, Steve Jones and I.

January 1: Registration opens... everyone is still on board so let's do this thing. No training planned yet but we still have five to six months.

January 4: Baby Declan is born to Jim and Rochelle so closest thing to training is lack of sleep.

February: We have a team name: "Dirty Privates."

May: A few emails starting with, "Hey, anyone bought their boots yet?"Training takes a back seat to picking matching pants. Uri breaks down and buys his boots. Walks less than one mile and has three blisters. Jim runs three miles and confirms the results: army boots suck.

Other random emails:

How many "K" is 30 miles?

I stopped taking a bath two weeks ago to get used to being dirty. I have stepped up my watching of the Military Channel to see if I can pick up any tips.

Just so you guys know, I've been ramping up the regimen over here... I start out every morning with 200 curls while eating a couple steak and egg burritos from Del Taco and then I ask for extra cheese on my auesadillas. - Steve

Race day: We all looked good and we all matched. Words can't describe it.

Now I suppose you want me to tell you about the race. It was fantastic fun. Here's a link to more: http://mudrundirtyprivates. shutterfly.com/. Call us crazy, but we're already planning next year's race.



From left: "Dirty Privates" Ross Larson, Uri Budnik, Daniel Simon, Steve Jones and Jim Siegrist.

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alumni Harry Hennessey, Mitzi Hennessey, Tom DeWitt, Dean of the School of Business Marcia Sakai, Sarah Avena, Chelsea Wong and Clayton Chong attended Lambda Psi's (Hawaii-Hilo) Meet the Chapter Night in September. Tyler Yee presented a slide show summarizing 20 years of chapter activities.

Alumni Jessica Williams and Clayton Chong are working to start a Delta Sigma Pi Chapter at Hawaii-Manoa. - Clayton Chong

#### Raleigh-Durham

We re-affiliated with the Fra-

ternity at the beginning of this fiscal year. We hope to give all alumni in the area a chance to continue being involved with the Fraternity. We plan socials on the third Friday of every month and participated in Make A Difference Day by volunteering with Habitat for Humanity. We also will host an event on the Friday night of the Southern LEAD Provincial Conference in Charlotte. Please contact me if you are interested in joining the chapter, (252) 567-1376 or April\_Spruill@med.unc.edu. - April Spruill

## Brodie, Bonfrisco Recognized

Awards were recently presented by alumni chapters, including: Distinguished Alumni Service - Presented to National Vice President-Organizational Development Paul G. Brodie, Texas-Arlington, from the Arlington Area Alumni Chapter.

Two awards presented by the Orange County Alumni Chapter in September: Corporate Citizen -Working Wardrobes - Megan Harless, and Distinguished Alumni Service - Regional Vice President Patrick Bonfrisco, Cal State-Fullerton. ▲



**Get Involved!** Please note: Contact information is listed here for cities where alumni chapters are currently franchised. There are alumni members organizing groups in other cities listed. They are noted with a city name only. For contact information on these organizing groups, or to start a group in an area not already listed, please email alumni@dspnet.org, call (513) 523-1907 x223, or check online at www.dspnet.org.

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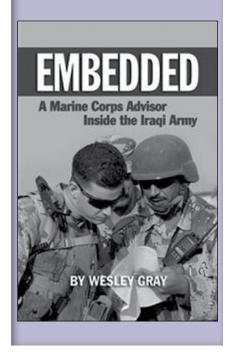
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## An Iraci Sabbatical By Jason Kelly, Associate Editor, University of Chicago Magazine

Wes Gray, Pennsylvania, is the author of Embedded: A Marine Corps Advisor Inside the Iraqi Army. This story is reprinted with permission from the July-August '09 University of Chicago Magazine.

Brother Gray, a 2000 initiate, will complete his doctorate in spring 2010. He lives in Baltimore with his wife, Katie, and daughter, Alice Mae. His book has been reviewed widely and he has appeared on several radio and television shows, including NPR's"Weekend Edition" with Scott Simon and a discussion on CNN's "Situation Room."He regularly posts on a variety of personal and professional topics; visit: www. welcometotheadventure.com.



Wes Gray, *Pennsylvania*, needed a break from the University of Chicago's Booth School of Business. Instead of backpacking around Europe, the "adrenaline junkie" joined the Marines.

Wes Gray needed a break from Chicago Booth. He'd arrived in 2002, fresh from an undergraduate degree at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School. "The PhD program here is like a total nightmare your first two years," Gray says. "You're kind of locked in a cave, and all you do is work day in, day out."

Instead of backpacking around Europe, the "adrenaline junkie" joined the Marines. Military service had always interested him, and the regret would haunt him forever if he did not enlist. "It's something that I knew I wanted to do, but I kept pushing off the timing of it," he says. "So it finally came to a head, and I said, 'I have to do this now.""

Gray signed up in 2004, with the United States fighting wars on two fronts. By July 2006, after serving as an intelligence officer in Asia, he found himself immersed in one of them. Now 29 and back at the business school, Gray has published Embedded: A Marine Corps Adviser Inside the Iraqi Army (Naval Institute Press), about his deployment in Al-Anbar Province.

The book grew out of a journal he kept in Iraq to share with his wife, Katie, and the children they hoped to have someday, to show them "your dad wasn't just some loser; he actually did something." Gray pared it down from about 1,000 pages laden with personal details to a breezy 240 connecting his experience with the conflict's broader context.

He was a lieutenant on a transition team training Iraqi soldiers (jundi) to operate independent of U.S. forces. "It sounds easy: send guys in, train up this foreign military, have them stand up so we can stand down," Gray says. "What people don't realize is the [cultural]

friction creates immense challenges."

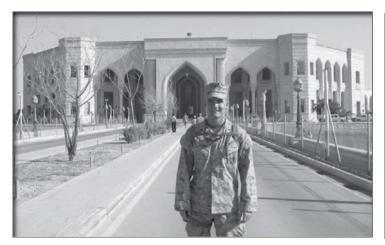
Gray's culture shock comes from the jundi's conduct and tactics, which complicate the mission and, at times, compromise safety. A routine search for insurgents and improvised explosive devices exposes him to the "Iraqi fire blossom," a random spray of ammunition in response to an attack. When a hidden insurgent fires a single AK-47 round, the jundi respond with "a symphony of gunfire" more threatening than the enemy bullet.

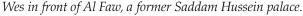
The Marines have a system for establishing a defensive position hostile situations, expressed the acronym SAFE (Security, Avenues of Approach, Fields of Fire, Entrenchment). Gray coins a term for the Iraqi method - REST (Relax, Eat, Sleep, Tea). But what Gray first perceives as laziness he comes to see as "a survival mechanism they use to cope with an extreme environment." As one Iraqi puts it, "If I already live in hell, why does it matter if I live or die?"

Institutional corruption contributes to deflating morale. In the Iraqi military, superior officers skim money from the Ministry of Defense, as Gray discovered when he fielded jundis' payday complaints. It's a customary



Brother Wes Gray, right, with Ali Jabber and Mohammed.







Wes swimming in the Euphrates River.

"form of payment," he learns, a perk achieving a certain status.

Gray enhances his own status among the Iraqis by learning to speak Arabic and trying to understand the culture, as opposed to imposing American military will. Attempting to see the world from the Iraqi perspective was more like field research than a military operation. "When you put on your professor hat as opposed to your Marine hat," Gray says, "these people open up to you a lot more, and they're more willing to hear what you have to say about things."

Although he also procured some racy magazines for the soldiers' entertainment, Gray describes his personal photo album as the secret weapon for building relationships with Iraqis. Studying the culture before his deployment, he identified the paramount importance of family. A simple scrapbook, he writes, refutes the prevailing impression of Americans" as Godless heathens, more concerned with material wealth than family."

Gray's family has expanded since he returned home in February 2007 – he and Katie have an infant daughter, Alice, born May 14. He plans to limit his combat to the job market after he completes his dissertation on "Information Exchange and the Limits of Arbitrage" next year. "Packed a lot of adventure, but now that I've got a kid, all my motivation level is down," Gray says, "so I'm pretty much done."



Iraqi soldiers hitch a ride.



Colonel Abass watches an Iraqi vehicle burn after an IED attack.

## **Standing Strong for Brotherhood**

Brothers and Friends of Delta Sigma Pi,

Over the past year and a half, the market has changed a great deal. We have seen one of the highest unemployment rates and subsequent declines in the Dow in recent history. With the combination of high fuel prices and a decline in the housing market, we find ourselves in what many are calling the most challenging economic times since the Great Depression.

However, there are two pieces of good news! First, the market is giving us indications that we are beginning to see the recovery. Second, despite the current economic times, the Delta Sigma Pi Leadership Foundation has continued



Leadership Foundation current Chairman and President Greg Koch, Missouri State, (left) with Eddie Stephens, Miami-Florida, Trustee and past Chairman and President.

to be strong through controlled expenses and a strong donor base. In fact, during this past Grand Chapter Congress we were able to raise over \$90,000 in individual donations for the annual campaign, endowment funds and special projects.

The ongoing support of our donors could not be more meaningful than it is now. Your ongoing support shows you believe in Delta Sigma Pi and are standing strong for our brotherhood. With scholarship applications up nearly 60% this year, our collegiate members are giving us a clear message that they are looking to the Foundation for additional funding and we thank you for your continued support!

We are asking our brothers and friends of Delta Sigma Pi to continue to give to the Foundation so we can fulfill these requests and needs of our brotherhood. We particularly want to encourage our collegiate members to support the Foundation during upcoming LEAD events by joining or renewing their Grand President's Circle membership. Although the donation of \$10 may not seem significant in relation to some of our major gifts, the reality is that this group of donors is the core of the future of our Fraternity.

In addition, I would be remiss if I did not thank all of our very generous donors over the past year, including our 2007 Centennial Society, 10K Club, and the over 1,200 donors who supported Delta Sigma Pi through the Foundation with annual gifts. We appreciate your ongoing commitment to the success of the Fraternity and the Foundation.

I look forward to serving as your Chairman and President over the next year. Together we will ensure that the needs of the Fraternity and its members can be met through the support of the Foundation.

Greg J. Koch

Fraternally,

Chairman and President

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John V. Henik, Indiana Northwest Ronald C. Higgins, Truman State Gregary W. Howell, Pacific Randy L. Hultz, Truman State Haili Kamahele, Cal State-Sacramento Dawn Klinger, Central Missouri Gregory Koch, Missouri State Katie I. Koch, Eastern Illinois Brian P. Krippner, Truman State Kim A. Kromberg, Nebraska-Lincoln Norman Kromberg, Nebraska-Lincoln Daryl T. Logullo, Florida State Michael R. Mallonee, Oklahoma Todd S. McDowell, Missouri State Catherine M. Merdian, North Texas \*R. Nelson Mitchell, Johns Hopkins Claire D. Moomjian, Akron Denita J. Morin, Georgia State Joan L. Nason, Bowling Green State Charles L. Nilsen, Akron Kenichi E. Nishikawa, San Jose State Richard J. Parnitzke, Buffalo Corey D. Polton, Cal State-Fullerton John D. Richardson, Arizona State Claire Sammon Roberts, San Francisco State Mark A. Roberts, San Francisco Chris E. Robinett, Nebraska-Lincoln

David B. Ross, Florida Atlantic William C. Schilling, Nebraska-Lincoln Lisa B. Schram, McNeese State Allan D. Schuster, Jr., Texas-Arlington Sandra L. Shoemaker, Missouri State Velvet Simmons, Louisiana at Monroe \*Sidney A. Sparks, Texas-Austin Richard A. "Nick" Steinkrauss, Suffolk Eddie E. Stephens III, Miami-Florida \*Charles I. "Buzz" Sutton, Arizona State \*Ruth S. "Stonie" Sutton, Arizona State \*Victor A. Tabor, Louisiana Tech William W. Tatum, Jr. Southern Mississippi Carla May Tousley, Grand Valley State Philip H. Turnquist, Indiana State Lawrence Van Quathem, Arizona Erica L. Verderico, Kent State John A. Watton, Florida Atlantic James A. "Duckie" Webb, Houston Derry I. Robson Webb. Houston \*Lester J. White, New York Ann M. Wilson, Nebraska-Omaha \*Melvin E. Wolfe, Northwestern-Evanston Jeffrey E. Zych, DePaul Anonymous

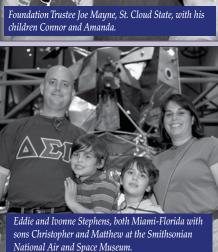
\*Denotes Deceased

## **FUTURE DELTASIGS?**



hand; husband Chris, George Mason, is pushing Colin,

4 (left) and Aidan, 22-month old twin to Brady







## **Memorial and Honorary Gifts** (as of 6/30/2009)

Gifts may be made in memory or honor of brothers or friends of Delta Sigma Pi. A letter acknowledging the gift is sent to the honoree, or in the case of a memoriam, it is sent to the family.

## In memory of...

Theodore C. Bauries Brian S. Bell James A. Caffrey Iean F. Chiochetti Clifford Dorn Ethel Ellis Douglas F. Estelow

Stefanie K. Frank Marilyn Gover Barbara Parton Marianna Schilling Victor A. Tabor Iason M. Vornholt Leon Wansley

## In honor of...

Atlanta Alumni Gregory M. Autuori Ashley A. Barriga **Jeffrey Berlat** Kyle E. Blotz Alyse T. Bondi Allison M. Carpio Marie D. Cenac Ienna DeFalco Michael DeGrey Mariana E. Demars Maura A. Donovan Alan I. Elkin Tracy Ellen Feldesman Andrew Fenton Bryan S. Ford **James Foster** Brandon J. Franson Devon Galindo Richard M. Garber Laura Gelinas Stephanie Harrell Melissa A. Hassen Kylie M. Hite Josh Hollis Elizabeth M. Keith

Conner A. Kelley Brian Kucker Brian C. Kyle Britta Landfried Garrett Lew Kara Louis Lawrence McDaniel Katie R. McWilliam Giancarlo J. Mendez Brian E. Middleton Lumnwi Ngwa-Suh Kristine N. Palmer Daniel S. Peach Brittany D. Phillips Melissa Reinert Nicholas Rew Andrew R. Riviere Greg Rose Chris Routhe Claire Sorensen Evan I. Stoudt Theta Sigma Chapter Jana Traynelis Westin T. Trow Kenneth T. Wells

#### Where Do Your Annual Fund Donations Go?

Donating to the Delta Sigma Pi Leadership Foundation Annual Fund – the cornerstone of giving to the Foundation – is a great way to support the many educational and leadership programs provided for undergraduate and alumni members. The Board of Trustees approves educational programming grants every year to further expand and support vital programs like LEAD, LeaderShape®, Collegian of the Year (COY), Grand Chapter Congress, Educational and Leadership Consultant program, chapter scholarship keys and more.

Each year the Fraternity must submit a written grant request for educational programming to be considered and approved by the Leadership Foundation Board of Trustees. These much needed funds help ensure that quality educational opportunities for our undergraduate and alumni members will continue to be provided at a lower cost to them. Annual Fund contributions are instrumental for the Leadership Foundation to provide this annual support to the Fraternity, and directly support the Leadership Foundation's mission statement.

Here is a breakdown of educational programming grants paid during the 2008-09 fiscal year:



The Leadership Foundation also directly awards regional, provincial and national COY scholarships to recipients.



#### WHERE DID THE MONEY COME FROM? Direct Mail/Phone Campaign Gifts.....\$ 124,678

..\$ 66,802 23% Investments/Management Fees..... 15% Major Gifts/Wills..... .\$ 43,211 .\$ 14,295 Total Revenues ...... \$ 293,762

#### WHERE DID THE MONEY GO?

2070	Total Expenses\$	
<b>- 20</b> %	Scholarships/Grants paid to individuals and chapters	\$ 62 522
<b>-23</b> %	Educational Event Support—LEAD, GCC, LeaderShape®	\$ 73,662
27%	Fundraising	\$ 84,138
30%	Management/Professional Fees	\$ 92,418

## **2009 Scholarship Recipients**

Each year the Leadership Foundation awards over 40 academic scholarships and fellowships, in addition to scholarships awarded to the National, Provincial and Regional Collegians of the Year. All of these financial awards are made possible through endowed funds. Applications are due by June 30 of each year, and are available at www.dspnet.org/scholarship by February 15. Award amounts this year range from approximately \$250 to upwards of \$3000 per scholarship. Listed below are scholarship/fellowship recipients for 2009.

#### Howard B. Johnson, Thomas M. Mocella, Lester H. White, Ben H. Wolfenberger Graduate Fellowships

Patrick Bonfrisco, Cal State-Fullerton Katie Hull, Rockhurst Zachary Wilcox, Georgia Amanda Wood, North Texas

#### Founders' Memorial Undergraduate

Joseph Dunn, Binghamton
Wyatt Hammell, Winona State
Meghan Holleran, Cornell
Shannon McCall, Pittsburgh
Madeline Moran, Pittsburgh
Miriam Ngunjiri, Midwestern State
Lindsay Slavick, Valparaiso
Katie Young, Northern Colorado
Melvin Wolfe Undergraduate

#### Timur Aydin, Tampa

Katrina Persaud, *Central Florida* **Alpha Theta Chapter** 

Laura Meuti, Cincinnati Danielle Rust, Cincinnati

**Beta Chapter** Noel Niles, *Albion* 

Beta Chapter- Robert A. Mocella

Joshua Hollis, Rockhurst

**Beta Chapter- James D. Thomson** Jeremy Levine, *Albion* 

**Beta Chapter-Robert O. Lewis** 

Jenny Terbrock, Christian Brothers

**Beta Gamma Chapter** 

Gabriel Cossio, South Carolina

**Brother Alfred Moroni/Epsilon Psi** 

Rebecca Horton, Christian Brothers

**Bob and Dorothy Busse** 

Trina Duncan, Georgia State

Chicago Alumni Chapter/ Thomas M. Mocella

David Castro, DePaul

Daniel Edwin Plaster/Kappa Chapter

Jacquetta Moss, Georgia State

**Iota Nu Chapter** 

Elise Bailey, Truman State

Kappa Upsilon Chapter-

**Ann Marie Janes Memorial** 

Stephanie Cisewski, Winona State

Lincoln/Greater Nebraska Alumni

-Alpha Delta Chapter

Matthew Thury, Nebraska-Lincoln

Skip and Lois Loomis Western Province

Jason Sumilhig, Cal State-Sacramento

Nu Sigma Chapter

Jason Morton, Roger Williams

John D. Richardson/ Gamma Omega Chapter

Neta Berger, Arizona State

**South Pacific Region** 

Cody Silva, Loyola Marymount

**Space City Houston Alumni** 

Mushfiqa Jamaluddin, Texas-Austin

St. Louis Alumni /
Stephanie DeGuire Memorial

Allee Middlecamp, Truman State

**Francis and Margaret Steinkrauss** 

Jonathan Lara, Bentley

Victor A. Tabor

Victor A. Tabor Scholarship –Vikas Brahmbhatt, *Texas-Austin* 

Jeffrey L. Philippi Scholarship – Caroline Yoe, *Illinois-Urbana* 

Frank M. Busch Scholarship – Brittany Smith, *Louisiana State* 

Thomas W. Tanner Scholarship – Evan Leung, *Houston* 

Tampa Bay Alumni

Timur Aydin, Tampa

Dr. Philip H. Turnquist Southern Province

Katrina Persaud, Central Florida

H. Nicholas Windeshausen/ Epsilon Phi Chapter

Joanna Young, Cal State-Sacramento



FROM LEFT: Houston Brothers and members of the Foundation's 10K Club, Joelle Berlat, Tracey Moss, and National Community Service Chair Derry Webb at the Foundation reception held at Congress. Moss displays her donor recognition award.

The Delta Sigma Pi Leadership
Foundation Trustees thank the following
committee members who devoted many
hours reviewing more than 140 applications
and selecting the scholarship/fellowship
recipients: John D. Richardson, *Arizona*State, who served as chair; Frank Busch, Sam
Houston State; Heather Ferguson, Tampa;
Katie Koch, Eastern Illinois; Claire Moomjian,
Akron; Nick Steinkrauss, Suffolk; and Derry
Webb, Houston. Thank you to James "Duckie"
Webb, Houston, for his ongoing support and
development of our online resources.

## **Endowed/Named Funds for Educational Scholarships and Grants**

A gift to establish a named/endowment fund demonstrates your farsighted commitment to the development of future business leaders. An endowment fund is maintained in perpetuity, with a portion of the annual investment return to be used for the charitable purposes you specify. Such an endowment, which typically bears the name of the donor or donors, reflects your interests and serves as an enduring testament to your generosity.

A minimum initial gift of \$2,000 is required to start a fund. The fund is permanently endowed when at least \$20,000 has been contributed within six years.\* The fund then begins to generate annual scholarships and/or grants.

A fund may be designated to provide scholarships for members from a particular chapter or group of chapters or based on other criteria. Similarly, a fund may be designated to generate grants for an educational program that has special meaning to the donor.

A Gift Agreement between the donor and the Leadership Foundation sets forth the purpose of the fund and how scholarships or grants will be distributed. For more details, or to start a named/endowed fund, contact the Leadership Foundation at foundation@dspnet.org or 513-523-1907 x237.

#### **Currently Endowed Funds**

Alfred Moroni/Epsilon Psi Scholarship Alpha Delta Chapter/Lincoln-Greater Nebraska

Alpha Theta Chapter Scholarship Beta Chapter Scholarship

Beta Chapter-Robert O. Lewis Scholarship Beta Chapter-Robert A. Mocella Scholarship

Beta Chapter-James D. Thomson Scholarship Beta Gamma Chapter Scholarship

Beta Psi Chapter - Joey Robinson and David Gloer Scholarship

Bob and Dorothy Busse Scholarship

Chicago Alumni Chapter/Thomas M. Mocella Scholarship

Chicago Alumni Chapter/H.G."Gig"Wright Graduate Fellowship

Dr. Phillip H. Turnquist Southern Province Scholarship Fund

Randy L. Hultz Leadership Fund (provides educational grants to the Fraternity)

Iota Nu Chapter Scholarship

Kathy Jahnke Volunteer Leadership Educational Fund (provides volunteer leadership grants to the Fraternity)

Kappa Upsilon Chapter – Ann Marie Janes Memorial Scholarship

Clyde Kitchens/Thoben Elrod Scholarship (provides funding for Collegian of the Year program only)

Clyde Kitchens/Thoben Elrod Leadership Fund (provides educational grants to Atlanta Alumni and Kappa chapters)

Norman Kromberg Leadership Fund (provides educational grants to the Fraternity only)

Mu Tau – Brian Bell Scholarship

Nu Sigma Scholarship

Daniel Edwin Plaster/Kappa Chapter John D. Richardson/Gamma Omega Scholarship Fund

Skip and Lois Loomis Western Province

Scholarship Fund South Pacific Region Scholarship

Space City Houston Alumni Scholarship Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Sparks Collegian of the Year Fund

Francis and Margaret Steinkrauss Scholarship St. Louis Alumni Chapter/Stephanie DeGuire Memorial Scholarship

Victor A. Tabor Scholarship Fund Tampa Bay Alumni Scholarship

H. Nicholas Windeshausen/Epsilon Phi Scholarship

Melvin Wolfe Fund (provides scholarships to individuals and educational grants to the Fraternity)

#### **Funds Building Toward Endowment**

Charles L. Farrar Scholarship Fund Denver Alumni Chapter Scholarship Fund Kappa Lambda Chapter Leadership Fund North Central Province Scholarship Fund Mitchell B. Simmons Fund

South Florida Educational Travel Endowment Fund

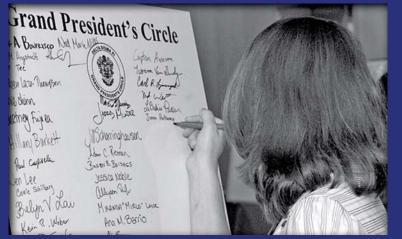
Xi Phi Scholarship Fund

To make a gift toward any of these named/ endowment funds, you may give online at www. dspnet.org-just note to which fund you wish to contribute, or call the Leadership Foundation at 513-523-1907 for assistance. Note that gifts restricted to a named/endowment fund do not count toward 10K Club membership.

\*Endowment programs terms as of August 2008. Subject to change.

## **Grand President's Circle**

The Grand President's Circle is open to collegiate members attending a provincial or national event who donate at least \$10 to the Leadership Foundation and commit to serve the Fraternity after graduation. Members also pledge to contribute at least \$10 per year to the Leadership Foundation during their remaining undergraduate years and at least \$50 per year thereafter. During the past year, more than 300 brothers joined the Grand President's Circle, bringing the total membership to more than 5,300 brothers! To review a complete list of all Grand President's Circle members, visit www. dspnet.org, click on Leadership Foundation, Giving Programs and then Grand President's Circle. You can also visit this site for more information about this program and all programs offered by the Delta Sigma Pi Leadership Foundation. A



Jenna Haltiwanger, New Mexico State, joins the Grand President's Circle at Congress.

## Noel Niles: Zest for Academics and Delta Sigma Pi

Noel Niles, *Albion*, is recipient of the Beta Chapter scholarship this year. Brother Niles has achieved much and her zest for academics and Delta Sigma Pi, as well as other campus activities, should inspire other collegiates to pursue one of the more than 40 scholarship opportunities offered every year by the Leadership Foundation.

Niles's involvement in Delta Sigma Pi started when she made her college selection (perhaps influenced by her parents, Leon, *Rochester Tech* and Gail, *Buffalo*). Albion had no chapter so Niles sought to help start one after talking to Golden Council member Fred Lipsey at her high school graduation party. She was elected president of Alpha Beta Gamma Colony in March 2007 and served numerous positions leading to the colony's installation as Pi Tau Chapter in September 2008.

A recent internship Brother Niles held for her degree program (a double major in economics and management, and public policy) gives a glimpse into the enthusiasm she brings to most all tasks.

"If you were offered a chance to get up at 7:30 a.m. every day, walk to work, work until 6 p.m., return to a three bedroom apartment you share with three total strangers – plus earn no salary – would you accept the offer?" she asks.

Niles spent four months on Capitol Hill with the United States Senate Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee. "Typical intern tasks including mail and phones were a minimal part of my experience," she says, "while writing and research on a multitude of legislative issues impacting small businesses made up the bulk of my work."

Niles said the semester offcampus, especially being on the Hill during President Obama's first 100 days, was a"phenomenal experience I will never forget."

Another major experience for Brother Niles was attending LeaderShape® this summer with a scholarship sponsored by the Leadership Foundation. "LeaderShape® is unique in that for six days, you have a safe haven to explore your leadership style's

strengths and weaknesses without worrying about making mistakes or being 'popular'," said Niles. "Everyone knows everyone else's true colors and the group of 65 strangers from Tuesday is a family of 65 close friends on Sunday."

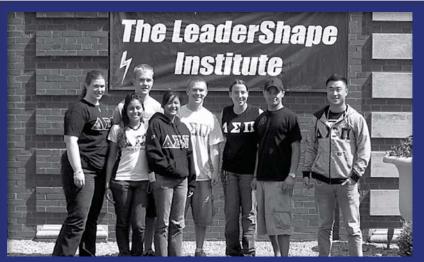
Brother Niles describes it as the best leadership training she ever received. "Any Deltasig interested in analyzing their leadership style and participating in helping other student leaders do the same should apply for the Leadership Institute grant," she said.

Niles is an honor student and a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, the first such organization founded by African-American women. She is the first Caucasian woman to serve on the sorority's International Board of Directors.

As Brother Lipsey noted in his scholarship recommendation for Niles, "I have had the pleasure of knowing Noel long before she was a Deltasig. I can state that without reservation, she embodies all of the qualities that the Fraternity seeks in its members."



Golden Council and 10K Club member Corey Polton, Cal State-Fullerton, (left), receives donor recognition from Greg Koch.



Nine students received full tuition scholarships from the Leadership Foundation to attend the LeaderShape<sup>®</sup> Institute in Illinois this summer. From left: Noel Niles, Albion; Katrina Persaud, Central Florida; Andrew Conachey, Houston; Jennifer Lee, Cal State-Fullerton; Carl R. Lymangood, St. Thomas; Jenny Ann Terbrock, Christian Brothers; Joshua Everett, New Mexico; and Arthur Wang, Cal Poly-Pomona. (Not pictured: Kayla Peters, Frostburg State.)

#### 2008-09 FRATERNITY ANNUAL REPORT



## the Numbers

1 – Attendance ranking among all museums for the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum – our Congress "night out" location.

- 3 Chapter installations or reactivations (Albion, South Florida-Polytechnic and Adelphi).
  - 3 Tiers of achievement in the new CMP program (replaced CEI as of July 1).
- 15 Large boxes of school supplies collected for Kids in Need at Grand Chapter Congress. Also, \$2,451 in cash or gift cards was donated. Thanks to all!
  - 22 Members of the 10K Club (as of September 15).
  - 53 Chapters that registered their Blood Drive events for CEI points; also the number of chapters that registered their Make A Difference Day Event.
    - 59 Number of alumni chapters.
- 112 Staff visits made to 101 collegiate chapters, 5 colonies and 6 potential expansion sites.
- 143 Number of Leadership Foundation scholarship/fellowship applications submitted for 2009.
  - 193 Number of bricks sold for the new Central Office courtyard. Add yours?
    - 1,054 Total number of 2009 Grand Chapter Congress registrants.
      - 1,429 2009 LEAD Provincial Conference attendees.
        - 1,611 2008 LEAD School attendees.
        - 7,961 Fans on the Delta Sigma Pi Facebook page, www.facebook.com/deltasigmapi (as of October 15).
    - **5,075** New members initiated, including 134 faculty and 2 honorary.
    - 15,880 Number of Deltasigs living in Texas (our largest concentration!)
  - \$64,325 Amount raised through brick sales to support the Central Office renovation (as of September 23). Thanks to all!
  - **226,351** Total recorded membership of Delta Sigma Pi initiates worldwide.

#### From?

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35%	Dues and Alumni Franchise Fees	\$	666,813
19%	Initiation Fees	\$	358,130
14%	Jewelry and Merchandise Sales	\$	272,278
10%	LEAD Events	\$	197,856
7%	Insurance, Regalia and Other	\$	134,139
6%	Royalties/Investments	\$	118,860
5%	Leadership Foundation Management Fees	\$	102,000
4%	Leadership Foundation Grants	\$	65,699
Total		\$1	,915,775





#### Where Does the Money Go?

Total		\$1	,679,625
5%	The DELTASIG	\$	82,013
6%	Grand Chapter Congress	\$	100,399
9%	Leadership Foundation	\$	161,175
10%	Headquarters Management/Maintenance	\$	173,990
11%	LEAD Events/LeaderShape®	\$	177,607
59%	Chapter Services	\$	984,441

#### Total Annual Initiates **5-Year Comparison**

′08-′09	5,075
′0 <i>7</i> -′08	4,821
′06-′07	4,697
′05-′06	4,356
′04-′05	4,346

#### **Chapters with the Highest Number of New Initiates**

Southern Methodist	69
Roger Williams	65
Georgia	61
Missouri-Columbia	55
Wisconsin-La Crosse	52
Washington (Mo.)	49
Central Missouri	48
Arizona	46
North Texas	45
Adelphi (reactivation)	45
Clemson	45
Syracuse	45

#### **Chapters with the Highest Number of Initiates Since** Their Founding

Missouri-Columbia Colorado-Boulder	3,550 2,971
Texas-Austin	2,907
Indiana	2,711
lowa	2,656
Miami (Ohio)	2,650
Georgia	2,488
Auburn	2,448
Florida	2,415
Oklahoma	2,282





## ...Around the World

With Deltasigs living in 107 countries and U.S. territories, no matter where you travel you're bound to run into a brother! The following countries host 10 or more brothers:

Australia – 22 Bahamas – 42 Brazil – 14 Canada – 162 China – 50 Ecuador – 10 France – 24 Germany – 53 Guam – 15 Honduras – 12 India – 33 Indonesia – 22 Japan – 44 Kenya – 11 Malaysia – 47 Mexico – 78 Netherlands – 11 Norway – 18 Pakistan – 14 Panama – 26 Philippines – 23 Puerto Rico – 76 Saudi Arabia – 20 Singapore – 28 South Korea – 13 Spain – 13 Sweden – 10 Switzerland – 18
Taiwan – 16
Thailand – 14
Turkey – 13
United Arab
Emirates – 11
United Kingdom – 82
Venezuela – 12
Virgin Islands – 33

## **Water Cooler**

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

#### January 22-24, 2010

Board of Directors Meeting-Louisville, Ky.

#### February 5-7

Northeastern LEAD Provincial Conference and Council Meeting-Annapolis, Md.

#### February 12-14

North Central LEAD Provincial Conference and Council Meeting-Chicago/Lombard, Ill.

#### February 14

Leadership Foundation Meeting-Chicago

#### February 19-21

Southern LEAD Provincial Conference and Council Meeting-Charlotte, N.C.

#### February 26-28

Western LEAD Provincial Conference and Council Meeting-El Paso, Texas

#### March 5-7

South Central LEAD Provincial Conference and Council Meeting-Dallas/Westlake, Texas

#### April 25

National Alumni Day

Visit www.dspnet.org for a complete listing of events.

#### Support our Affinity Partners!

We're adding new ones all the time! For a complete list of services and partners, visit www.dspnet.org (Partner/Discounts).

## Fraternity Board "Minutes in Seconds" from August 2009:

#### Actions included:

- ▲ Chapter Reorganization and Ritual Task Forces will continue in the new biennium.
- ▲ Approved moving from inCircle to a new Facebook-integrated online communications tool - to be implemented this fall.
- ▲ Approved an online training relationship that will allow for numerous approaches.
- ▲ Approved changes to awards program to eliminate Honor Roll and Honorable Mention; adopted an improved "Guide to Academic Excellence"; and adopted plans to enhance coverage of academic prowess in The DELTASIG.
- ▲ Defeated a proposal to provide free registrations to LEADs and GCC for national and provincial award winners.
- ▲ Addressed some chapter assistance and discipline issues.

- ▲ Revised the LEAD Provincial Conference budgeting policy to reflect recent attendance history.
- ▲ A fundraising idea including alcohol was defeated.
- ▲ Directed staff to improve communication surrounding the printing, online posting and distribution of The DELTASIG.
- ▲ Referred a number of items from the St. Louis Alumni Chapter, including organizational processes, to the next Board. (All were subsequently defeated at the September 25 meeting.)
- ▲ Updated some CO employee manual language and policies regarding part time staff, smoking and document retention.
- ▲ Approved all eligible Board and RVPs (and former staffer Andy Ochoa) for Golden Council.

## **New Glory**

In commemoration of the 47th Grand Chapter Congress, Gateway RVP Kevin Weber, Missouri-St. Louis; Southeastern RVP Darrick Williams, South Carolina; and Austin Radus, Roger Williams, arranged to have a flag flown on top of the Capitol Building on Wednesday,

The brothers wrote: "Thank you to the Board of Directors, Leadership Foundation, and Central Office staff for such a great Grand Chapter Congress and the opportunity to celebrate with our fellow brothers. See you all at the next Grand Chapter Congress at

August 12. The flag also was flown to celebrate the renovation of the Central Office. Louisville, Ky., on August 10, 2011."▲

Past Grand President Mitch Simmons accepts a special Central Office rendering from Past Grand President Kathy Jahnke at the Grand Chapter Congress Banquet, recognizing his significant leadership role in the Central Office renovations. Brother Simmons was also honored with a Silver Helmet at the banquet by Grand President Mark Chiacchiari, for 25 years of active service to the Fraternity.



## **Central Office Renovations** Turn the Corner(stone)

DO NOT ENTER

CAUTION

CAUTION

he Fraternity Board and many other brothers and guests were on hand September 25 in Oxford, when the cornerstone was laid for the new Central Office addition.

Grand President Mark Chiacchiari welcomed those attending and Past Grand President Mitch Simmons introduced the project's architect team: Norman Butt and Justin Farmer.

Simmons said: "Three years ago,

we began talking seriously about what to do with this building. It started with a discussion to update bathrooms and after exploring many options, we have come to the point of near-completion of the first major renovation in nearly 40 years. Today, we symbolically lay the cornerstone of the project in recognition and appreciation of the endeavors of all those who came before us to help make this happen."

Construction is well-underway, as shown by the photos on this page, as well as in the comprehensive and ongoing photo story available at www.dspnet.org (click the brick on the home page!).

Construction is expected to continue into early 2010. ▲

## **An Historic Moment for Delta Sigma Pi**



Stone Mason Walt Long puts the cornerstone in place, his last act before retiring after a long career, most recently with CR&R Construction.



Some of the leaders, staff, and brothers from Miami's Alpha Upsilon Chapter attending the Cornerstone Ceremony on September 25.



Final roof attachment for the new elevator/restroom tower took place in early



A new brick and wrought iron fence will line the Central Office along Campus Avenue.

hether attending for the first time and experiencing the Golden the Lalla of the Crystal Gateway Marriott Knights ceremony, or strolling the halls of the Crystal Gateway Marriott with ladders stretching to the knees like Bob Hughes, Pennsylvania, attending his 32<sup>nd</sup> Congress, participants enjoyed the fellowship of Fraternity at its best. Congress highlights included:

- ▲ Honorary initiation of Arlene Hughes, spouse of Bob and a 31-year Congress attendee in her own right. Hughes was chosen - and graciously accepted - after Linda Gooden, originally designated national honorary initiate, was unable to attend. She is a living part of Deltasig history as a charter member of the Royal Order of Pink Poodles, a woman's group formed at the Baltimore Congress in 1949 by spouses attending Congress with their husbands.
- ▲ Presentation of the Lifetime Achievement Award to Past Grand President Randy Hultz, Truman State. The event was made all the more special for Hultz when his brother, Robby, Truman State, a past Central Office staff member, was presented a Silver Helmet Award. Looking on were their parents, Casey and Janie. Randy's Truman State brothers Larry Lunsford and Tony Klote surprised him when Karen Stebelski, Truman State, and husband Bill, Cal State-Sacramento, arranged for them to sit with Randy's party at the banquet.
- ▲ Election of Regional Vice Presidents, Provincial Vice Presidents and National Board of Directors (see pages 12-13).
- ▲ Recognition of donors to the Leadership Foundation including new members of the 10K Club: Jeffrey D. Berlat, Houston; E. Robert Hautzenroeder, Colorado-Boulder; Derry Robson Webb, Houston, Joelle Berlat, Houston, and Tracey Moss, Houston.
- ▲ Presentations by the 2008 Collegian of the Year Ashley Henry, Drake, and 2009 Collegian of the Year Burton Bridges, Christian Brothers.
- ▲ Educational sessions on topics ranging from socially responsible business practices to maximizing online social/professional networks to"teambuilding you can use anywhere."
- ▲ History presentations by Jim Jacobs, Albany, son of Founder Harold Valentine Jacobs, supported by his wife, Julia, Siena. Mark Roberts, San Francisco, 2007 Lifetime Achievement Honoree, and Foundation Trustee Rich Garber, Indiana-Bloomington, also led a history session for attendees.
- ▲ Special presentation on human spaceflight by Dr. Roger D. Launius, Senior Curator for the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum.







Golden Council member and Leadership Foundation Trustee Claire Sammon Roberts leading an educational session, over 40 of which were offered throughout Congress.

▲ Social activities including the Grand President's Red, White and Blue Dance with "special guests": two of the Washington Nationals "Racing Presidents" — sponsored by GEICO; an outing to the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum exclusively for Deltasigs presented by the Leadership Foundation; and the Grand Chapter Congress Banquet, a formal affair that opened with a Grand March by Fraternity leadership. The best of all social activities was simply meeting or reconnecting with brothers from across the country.

If you were among those attending, we hope these images capture the event in all its variety. If you didn't attend, plan now to meet in Louisville in 2011 for the 48th Grand Chapter Congress and experience firsthand all that Congress has to offer.







Top, newly elected VP-Organizational Development Paul Brodie during a business session. Left, Congress Chancellor Todd Mirell. Right, Dr. Roger Launius, Senior Curator, Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum, during his presentation on human spaceflight.



Current and past Educational and Leadership Consultants shared travel stories at the banquet. From left, front row: Erica Verderico, Amanda Meeker, Michael Banks, John Watton, Kim May and JoAnne Hendricks. Back row: Robby Hultz, Crystal Simmons, Brittany Bowers, Mitch Simmons, Mark Roberts, Heather Troyer, Kevin Zachman, Shawn Heyderhoff, Karin Grant and Rich Garber.



Above, June and 1999 Lifetime Achievement Honoree John Cookson at the banquet. John "retired" as Mid-Atlantic RVP this year!

Above right, "Invincible" brothers from Western Province show their support for then RVP Justin Cranmer.

Right, Grand President Mark Chiacchiari and "Banquet Seating Maestro" Maria Ramos at the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum.

Below center, then Western RVP Justin Cranmer and National Scholastic Development and Awards Chair James "Duckie" Webb in their finest banquet attire.









#### **GRAND CHAPTER ACTIONS!**

The one amendment, to move Northern Kentucky counties in the Cincinnati area into the Northeastern Province, was approved and the Bylaws have been updated.

Delta Xi Chapter at East Tennessee State failed an attempt to repeal its charter revocation and the chapter remains closed.







SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP! Delta Sigma Pi and the Delta Sigma Pi Leadership Foundation are grateful to our sponsors and corporate partners for their generous contributions and support of our many programs at Grand Chapter Congress. Thanks to: celect.org, Empire Valuation Consultants, GEICO, Herff Jones, "How Hard Are You Knocking", Mecca Advertising Specialties, National Financial Educators, Nebraska Book Company, Inc., Princeton Review, The Collegiate Standard Jewelry, The Fund for American Studies, The Mayne Speaker, and Unitrin.

Photos by Chuck Fazio,
Bill Schilling and Heather Troyer.







## Salute to the Best ... and the Best of Times

At Grand Chapter Congress, the best of the Fraternity was celebrated with presentation of chapter and individual awards. Above, Past Grand President Mitch Simmons (right) presents the Outstanding Collegiate Chapter of the Year Award to Lambda, *Pittsburgh*, accepted by delegate Derek Wigmore.

Left, as part of the best of times, Congress attendees were inducted into the Golden Knights, a Congress-only special ceremony.