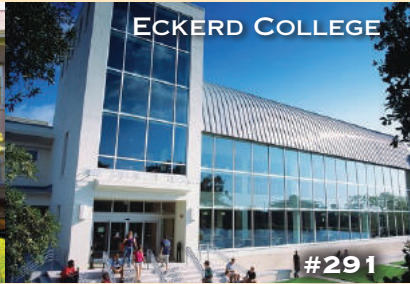


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SHARE *the* BROTHERHOOD!

Each April 25, we celebrate National Alumni Day. This year, many of you took to social media to share your appreciation for the ways alumni have

shaped your fraternity experience. It was amazing to see the gatherings, stories, and tributes that served as a reminder of the brotherhood that makes Delta Sigma Pi unique.

My fraternal journey began 20 years ago this fall at Truman State University. Like many Deltasigs, I credit interactions with alumni volunteers and chapter officers with showing me that Delta Sigma Pi is more than a college club. But I recall being surprised at how many alumni — some many years out of college — made time to support our chapter events or events planned by the nearby St. Louis Alumni Chapter.

Yes, there were national officers providing operational guidance to collegiate chapters, as well as Deltasigs serving as alumni chapter officers. But there were also alumni who provided career support as recruiters, resume reviewers, or through mock interview feedback. Others volunteered for fundraising or service activities. What really stuck with me, even in those early years, was the variety of ways that alumni interacted with one another, sometimes deeply. Whether two brothers had known each other for thirty minutes or thirty years, there was a powerful sense of community.

While the professional, leadership, and community service aspects of membership have had a tremendous impact on my life, it is that sense of camaraderie that has been most transformative. This wasn't just any professional network I had joined; it was a brotherhood.

The Fraternity Board of Directors is in the process of outlining priorities for strategic focus. One area of interest is providing opportunities for brothers to build those bonds of brotherhood. This may take the shape of various formal structures, such as volunteer positions, chapter activities, and national events. Naturally, national leadership will continue to enhance the value of those experiences. Sadly, only a few thousand of our total initiates (a headcount approaching 300,000) participate in those engagement opportunities each year. Countless others seek out and enjoy connection with one another outside of these structured activities.

Over the next year, let's be more deliberate about sharing our brotherhood with one another. Collegians, work with national leaders and your college to reach out and invite alumni to your events. Go to activities hosted by your nearest alumni chapter. Don't simply view alumni as opportunities for CMP credit or for career networking; get to know us. Swap stories, interests, and passions with us. Explore both the commonalities and the differences that make for such an impressive membership. And be sure to give advanced notice so we can adjust our schedules to support your events.

“Whether two brothers had known each other for thirty minutes or thirty years, there was a powerful sense of community.”

And my fellow alumni, step out of your routine and find ways to reconnect with old friends and meet new ones. Make time for that chapter anniversary celebration and swap stories. Reach out to area brothers to arrange a meet up during the down time on your business trip. Whatever your location or stage of life and career, there are Deltasigs ready and willing to create new memories. Let's find ways that our families can share in our fraternal experiences since they are as much a part of us as our brothers are.

Finally, let's share our experiences with each other, whether it be via social media posts or a photo in *The DELTASIG* magazine. Let's spend the next year celebrating what it means to be Deltasigs, and inspiring others to do the same.

Fraternally,

Onuka Ibe
Grand President

“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.



Upsilon Phi was installed in April at Eckerd College in St Petersburg, Florida. Special thanks to RVP Chris Sands, Colony DD and 2013 National COY Richie Brandt, Southern PVP Janene Markuske and Pledge Educator Elyse Perez for their leadership in creating our 291st chapter.

DELTA SIGMA PI WELCOMES SEVEN NEW CHAPTERS

The Delta Sigma Pi brotherhood gained more than 200 new members this spring through the installation of six new chapters and the reactivation of one. This growth brings our chapter roll to 293, of which 223 are currently active. The Western Province gained four with three in California—Tau Chi at California-Merced, Tau Omega at La Verne, Upsilon Chi at California Lutheran—and Upsilon Psi at Washington-Bothell. The Southern Province welcomed back Zeta Lambda at Georgia Tech and added Tau Psi at Coastal Carolina (near Myrtle Beach) and Upsilon Phi at Eckerd in Florida. The three new California chapters yields 32 active groups and nearly 2,000 collegians in the state!

This wave of new chapters is a testament to Delta Sigma Pi's commitment to membership growth and our versatility. Our chapters exist on large and small campuses as well as old and new. The undergraduate enrollment at these universities ranges from 1,800 to 25,000, and their doors opened between 1888 and 2005. The installation classes ranged from 25 to 60, reflecting the university atmosphere—business enrollment, on-campus organizations and of course recruitment efforts.

The chapters at Georgia Tech, Coastal Carolina, and Washington-Bothell opened with the help of collegians who transferred schools, but wanted to uphold their collegiate connection to Delta Sigma Pi. Olivia Malice, *Georgia College & State*, Matthew Kretschmer, *Indiana-Purdue-Ft. Wayne*, and Emily Burns, *Washington-Seattle*, each played a large part in our expansion. The Eckerd Colony started with encouragement from 2012 National Collegian of the Year Cody Candee, whose cousin Robert Weigel, served as president throughout the colony's tenure.

The installation of a chapter is a culmination of work by colony members—they've hosted professional, service and fundraising events to show they can succeed as a chapter. We are grateful for the local volunteers who helped support these budding colonies. To celebrate their hard work, each chapter hosted an installation banquet where members were recognized and the charter, gavel and Scholarship Key plaque were presented.

Zeta Lambda • Georgia Tech (Atlanta) • March 5

The Gamma Iota Tau Colony began their fall 2015 programming with an alumni panel where C.J. Cook, Mercer, Golden Council member Shane Borden and DD Katie Connelly spoke about their experiences in Delta Sigma Pi and their professional careers. These members of the Atlanta Alumni Chapter supported the colony during their recruitment week and helped connect them to our network.

The colony expanded their local network by attending an Atlanta Braves game with brothers from Georgia College & State. To strengthen the colony's connection to Atlanta, members made sandwiches for the Atlanta Mission, a nonprofit serving the homeless.

Thank you to collegians from Georgia State, Georgia College & State and Kennesaw State who served on the initiation team for 29 collegians and two faculty. Gratitude is also extended to sponsors Atlanta Alumni Chapter, Atlanta Movie Tours and Luma Strategies.

Georgia School of Technology was founded in 1885 and grew from a narrowly focused trade school to a regionally recognized technological university. In 1948, the school's name was changed to the Georgia Institute of Technology to reflect a growing focus on advanced technological and scientific research. The Georgia Tech College of Management was renamed in 2012 to the Scheller College of Business with nearly 3,000 students.



PGP Mark Chiacchiari presents Zeta Lambda President Olivia Malice, Georgia College & State, with the chapter charter.

Tau Chi • California-Merced • March 12

The California-Merced Colony officially began in December 2013 by four students who learned about the Fraternity from friends at San Jose State. With the help of Cal State-Sacramento, Cal State-Fresno, Pacific

(CA) and the initiation team, 29 collegians and one faculty initiate joined the Delta Sigma Pi network.

Before becoming a chapter, members volunteered, donated and supported a local church, park, elementary

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Tau Chi was installed at California-Merced on March 12.

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school, homeless shelter and more. Recently, the group purchased school supplies and plush toys to make Easter bags for patients at Valley Children's Hospital. They spent an afternoon distributing the gifts and visiting with the children.

In addition to speakers from Foster Farms, the U.S. State Department and Calvin Bright Center, the colony also toured the Consolidated Electrical Distribution facility, one of the nation's largest electrical distribution networks. This was a great opportunity for them to learn the management structure and hear employee testimonials since CED specifically recruits California-Merced alumni.

California-Merced is the 10th campus in the University of California system and it opened 11 years ago with a

special mission to increase college attendance among students in the San Joaquin Valley. It is the only campus in the U.S. with every building, 16 in total, attaining Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design certification.

As a young university, many national organizations have been in the early phases of development as they claim their existence at the growing campus, now with more than 200 organizations. Although the Department of Management and Economics is currently housed in the School of Social Science, Humanities, and Arts, the colony members thrived in general student areas to recruit and make a presence known.

Tau Psi • Coastal Carolina (Conway, SC) • April 2

The Coastal Carolina Colony officially began in September 2014. Students from South Carolina and the recently reactivated Georgia Tech were a part of the installation team with national officers who brought 26 students and one faculty into our brotherhood.

Their professional event programming included hosting Professors Donald Brook and Tim Bowie and Craig Elder, *Clemson*, a key account manager at PET Dairy. They also developed a strong relationship with the frozen yogurt company, Sweet Frog. On specific occasions, a percentage of the local franchise's income was donated to the colony. The colony consistently participated in Adopt-A-Highway and volunteered at a local elementary school, where they packed snacks for students. At Brightwater, a continuing care retirement community, they brought snacks and played board games with the residents.

The university sits on 633 acres near Myrtle Beach and was founded by a group of citizens desiring to create a local college to be known as Coastal Carolina Junior College, a branch of the College of Charleston. A few years later, it became independent, then briefly a regional campus of the University of South Carolina, and in 1975 it awarded its first four-year degrees. In 1993 it officially became Coastal

Carolina University. Today, there are 10,000 students from nearly every state and 38 countries. The E. Craig Wall Sr. School of Business Administration is named for one of the university's original founders. Participation in professional development activities is a requirement for students in the business school, which makes it a great fit for Delta Sigma Pi and our members.



GP Onuka Ibe presents Coastal Carolina President David Cummings with the chapter charter.

Tau Omega • La Verne (CA) • April 9

The Lambda Beta Phi Colony officially began November 1, 2013 when then RVP Joy Carroll gained interest from personal contacts at the university, which is 35 miles east of Los Angeles. Tau Omega was installed with 30 collegians and three faculty with the help from brothers at Cal State-Fullerton, California-Riverside and Chapman (CA).

During colonization, the group hosted a number of tours (La Verne Fire Department, Oakley, Domino's, etc.) and speakers including a workshop presented by Western PVP Patrick Bonfrisco and Golden Council member Carroll. Members also volunteered at Christmas at the Park, Project Chicken Soup and hosted a beach clean-up. They also hosted a bake sale fundraiser, using the opportunity to promote recruiting events by passing out flyers. The colony brought Jamba Juice to their campus and raised funds by selling two types of smoothies at the juice stand.

University of La Verne was founded in 1891 as Lordsburg College, but the college and the agricultural community were both renamed La Verne in 1917. It was first accredited in 1955 and later reorganized under university status in 1977. The College of Business and



Jose Calderon, Yaner Dai, Janelle Ehlinger, Flora Wong, Salvador Falcon, Giuseppe Galioto and Adrian Gonzalez are seven of the 31 members initiated into Tau Omega Chapter at University of La Verne in April.

Public Management was officially endorsed as the School of Business in 1983 after rapid growth of the university in the 1970s. The College includes traditional undergraduate programs, as well as e-commerce and health administration.

Upsilon Phi • Eckerd (St. Petersburg, FL) • April 16

The Eckerd Colony officially began September 12, 2014 following the referral of 2012 National Collegian of the Year Cody Candee (charter member of the reactivation of Psi Chapter at Wisconsin-Madison) to a cousin, Robert Weigel, at the college. Members from Rho Psi at South Florida-St. Petersburg, St. Pete-Clearwater Alumni Chapter and Tampa Bay Alumni Chapter supported the chapter the day of installation when 25 collegians and four faculty were initiated.

In addition to presentations on resumes and planning for success, the colony also hosted speakers from the sports and fine arts industries. Sam Bernabe, president and general manager of the Iowa Cubs, spoke to colony members about the business of baseball and how he runs

a national company. The chapter also had a presentation from the president of the Tampa Bay Rays and toured with the management team at Tampa Bay Rowdies Stadium. The colony also co-sponsored an event at Amalie Arena with the college's Career Services. Before a Tampa Bay Lightning game, students heard from the Executive Vice President and General Manager Darryl Bengé and received a tour of the facilities. They also hosted a professional event with a speaker from the Florida Orchestra about the changes occurring in the fine arts business world and toured the rehearsal space of the Saint Petersburg Opera.

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To support the local community, the colony made sandwiches for the homeless at Williams Park on a weekly basis, sponsored Relay for Life teams, and did clean-ups at Boyd Hill Nature Preserve and Ft. DeSoto State Park.

In 1958, Florida Presbyterian College was founded by a group of soldiers looking for a college education in Florida and President Dwight D. Eisenhower was the first charter alumnus. A charter was granted by

Florida legislature and named Florida Presbyterian College as a temporary designation until it could be named to recognize a significant donor. In 1972, after the college's Board of Trustees member Jack Eckerd donated \$10 million, the college changed its name to Eckerd College. Delta Sigma Pi is the first major club for business students within the Department of Business Administration and Management.



From left: South Atlantic RVP Chris Sands, chapter president Robert Weigel, chapter advisor Robert Jozkowski, and senior vice president Nick Bernabe all spoke during the installation luncheon, welcoming Upsilon Phi to Eckerd College.

Upsilon Chi • California Lutheran (Thousand Oaks, CA) • April 30

The California Lutheran Colony started much like Delta Sigma Pi when a group of four business students were interested in bringing a new student group to campus. Significant faculty support was found quickly as were additional members to fill the officer positions. Brothers from Cal State-Northridge, Pepperdine and Chapman (CA) all attended the initiation.

California Lutheran Colony hosted professional speakers who talked about financial services, LinkedIn, teamwork and more. The colony also hosted Paul Monteko, CEO of the popular restaurant, Stacked. The restaurant uses iPads to allow customers to customize their food. Monteko shared his entrepreneurship experiences and provided tips of the restaurant industry.

In addition to supporting an Alzheimer's Association walk and a Toys for Tots holiday collection, the members visited Belmont Village, an assisted living home in Thousand Oaks, California, where brothers spent time with the residents. The colony also participated in Relay For Life where they had the number one fundraising team—raising more than \$3,400.

California Lutheran University was founded in 1954 by a committee from five different churches within the American Lutheran Church organization. One hundred thirty acres were donated to build the campus and by 1959, California Lutheran College with its School of Management was officially incorporated. In 1986, the name changed to California Lutheran University.

Upsilon Chi installed at California Lutheran with the highest number of total initiates among installations this spring. The chapter initiated 59 new members including three faculty and one honorary.



Upsilon Psi • Washington-Bothell • May 14

The Washington-Bothell Colony officially began June 29, 2015 with a brother who transferred from the University of Washington-Seattle, Emily Burns. By word of mouth she generated enough interest to gain school support and get a group organized quickly. The Upsilon Psi chapter installed with 35 collegians and one faculty member. Brothers from Washington-Seattle and Seattle-Pacific Northwest Alumni Chapter were present to help them celebrate.

To meet chartering requirements, the colony hosted professional speakers who presented topics on first impressions, resumes, career searching, and decision making. The group also invited Sunishchal Dev, *Washington-Seattle*, a recruiter for Infosys.

Colony members also hosted a canned food drive, volunteered at a food bank, coordinated a gala for a children’s charity and delivered door hangers to residents about pet licensing for Bothell Animal Control and city police. During the holiday season, they supported the Redmond Fire Department’s Toys for Tots.

University of Washington-Bothell was founded in 1990 to expand opportunities with the University of Washington in nearby Seattle. The School of Business was founded just three years after the university. In 2014, the University ranked #1 in the state of Washington for balance of value and quality of education (ranking higher than its flagship campus in Seattle). ▲



Upsilon Psi was installed at Washington-Bothell on May 14 and becomes our 293rd chapter.

LEAD

Highlights

The LEAD Provincial Conferences and Council Meetings this spring were filled with networking and educational opportunities and recognition for Collegians of the Year and donors. Throughout each event, professional and volunteer presenters provided enriching sessions on career, leadership, chapter operations and personal skills for attendees to utilize and share with their chapters. Each event also included support for our national community service initiative, Ronald McDonald House Charities, as well as local efforts including the National MS Society and card making for troops. Town hall meetings were held in conjunction with the provincial council meetings to allow alumni and collegians the opportunity to weigh in on the Fraternity's strategic priorities. At the Saturday evening banquets, provincial COYs were graciously provided their recognition and the successes and milestones of the day were recapped.

Thank you to all the volunteers and partners who helped make these events successful. We hope you'll join us at the upcoming LEAD Schools this fall! ▲



Springleaf Financial presented professional development seminars at all five LEADs this spring and met with brothers interested in careers with the consumer finance organization. From left: Mirsela Kolenovic, North Texas, and Springleaf representatives Allan Hendricks and Genevieve Pedesclaux.



In Dallas, alumni represented nearly 25% of brothers in attendance including from left: Leadership Foundation Trustee Stacy Jordan; Desert Mountain RVP Alex Warrick; Thomas Bolen, Western Kentucky; and Mid-South RVP Erin Lee. Overall, 355 alumni members attended the five events.

LEAD Quick Hits

Cities: Washington D.C.,
Minneapolis, Nashville, Dallas and
San Jose

Registrants: More than 2,000
brothers, pledges, speakers and
guests

Chapters represented: 215 collegiate
and alumni

Funds raised for the Leadership
Foundation: More than \$11,000



From left: Hiromi Fujita, Trent Kohno, Howard Moon, Aileen Liang and Laura Chow, all California-San Diego, were among the 10 Omicron Sigma Chapter members who attended the Western LEAD Provincial Conference in San Jose.



1977 Deltasig of the Year Carl Schneider met and inspired dozens of Deltasigs throughout the day at the Southern LEAD Provincial Conference in Nashville. From left: ED Bill Schilling, Schneider and Leadership Foundation Chair Katie Magoon.



In Minneapolis, with 14 brothers registered for the event, Iowa State had the largest presence for an out-of-state chapter. These brothers split up to attend different sessions and maximize learning for their chapter.



In San Jose, keynote speaker Adam Carroll, Phoenix-Thunderbird, also gave three breakout sessions on networking, money management and gaining what you want in life.



At the Northeastern LEAD in Washington, D.C., Massachusetts-Amherst was represented by 14 brothers. They travelled more than 800 miles roundtrip.



In Washington, D.C., Sadaf Islamzada, George Mason, networked with members and exchanged ideas about successful chapter events.



From left: Kelsey Vaughn, Ashley Baker, Sam Anzaldi, Adam Woltermann, Joe Manley, and Erin Flynn, all Akron, visited the Leadership Foundation table in Nashville to learn about scholarships and giving back. Grants provided by the Leadership Foundation reduce registration costs for LEAD events.

Deltasigs Named to Forbes 30 UNDER 30

Since 2011, Forbes has recognized the brightest young innovators and entrepreneurs whose hard work is making a difference across the globe. Over the last six years, the annual Forbes list expanded from nine to 20 categories to best recognize the leaders of tomorrow and their varied means of changing the world. This year, Logan Cohen, *Florida International*; Nanxi Liu, *California-Berkeley*; and Samantha Taranto, *Tampa*; were all honored as some of the creative and intellectual best of their generation.

All three women, who identify either their mother or father as the most influential person in their life, credit Delta Sigma Pi with helping them become better business professionals and earning this honor. Each joined Delta Sigma Pi because of the ambition and excellence shown by brothers—the qualities they now exhibit in their professional careers.

Name: Logan Cohen

Age: 25

Title: Co-Founder and Co-CEO

Company: KÜDZOO

Forbes Category: Education—Opening minds and access to quality education for all

Resides in: New York, New York



Brother Cohen, who joined Delta Sigma Pi to be a part of something bigger than herself, identified with the members of Xi Omega Chapter at Florida International because they were the leaders on her campus. She became a leader



within her chapter when she was elected vp-pledge education. This role gave Logan the opportunity to learn an important skill for entrepreneurs—how to make your message powerful. By providing the “why” behind a call to action, she could be much more effective. Delta Sigma Pi also helped Logan learn networking, leadership, and interpersonal skills that allow her to collaborate effectively with her KÜDZOO co-founder, Trevor Wilkins.

The mobile app, founded in 2014, rewards students based on their grades and achievements. The app has made a difference for the nearly 500,000 students who have signed up to earn giveaways, scholarship opportunities, concert tickets, and more. Kudzu, one of the fastest growing plants

in the world, is the inspiration for the company's name and is the goal for students. KÜDZOO inspires students to grow at record speeds through their education and effect their surrounding environment through their success. KÜDZOO is continuing to scale their reach and bring on brand partners to engage, empower, and reward students while working with schools and businesses to bring communities together.

Inspiration Q&A

Q: What philosophy or value do you live by?

LC: Mindful adaptation. As an entrepreneur, you learn to be aware, you learn to value the moment, but also prepare for the future. Also, you need to be ready to pivot or "adapt" based on user feedback, new market conditions or even just a new idea. Mindful adaptation embraces the welcomed pressures and learning experiences that arise from being an entrepreneur.

Q: What does leadership mean to you?

LC: Leadership means leading by example. It means

being an effective communicator, but also an engaged listener. It's important to empower your team and lead through your company's mission, not just an individual's vision.

Q: Who do you look up to and why?

LC: Sheryl Sandberg, chief operating officer of Facebook. She leads by example and she is an executor. She organizes ideas and comes up with plans to execute. It sounds simple. But doers are hard to find.

Q: Who is the most influential person in your life?

LC: My father. I am incredibly lucky to have a father whose moral compass pointed true north in both business and life. He is a wealth of knowledge. My father has treated me as an equal since I could remember and that has always empowered me. I have had meetings where I am the only woman or only under 30 something, and I never let that shake my confidence. I attribute that to my father.

Name: Nanxi Liu

Age: 25

Title: Co-Founder and CEO

Company: Enplug

Forbes Category: Enterprise Tech—Using the sophisticated analytics to mine big data's dividends

Resides in: Los Angeles, California

Nanxi's best friends are those who she met when she joined Delta Sigma Pi in 2009. She's in contact with brothers on a regular basis including Colin Bovet, *Colorado-Boulder*, the Head of Growth at Enplug. While she was interested in Delta Sigma Pi because of the close-knit brothers and their high caliber of achievement, it's likely Nanxi who's pushing her brothers to be better now. As a youth advisory board member at the Lady Gaga Foundation, Nanxi volunteers with young adults from around the country and recently launched a donation drive at a Los Angeles youth shelter.

Forbes recognized Nanxi for her work with Enplug, the leading open software which manages and distributes content such as interactive social media, news, and videos on digital displays. She's also hard at work for Nanoly Bioscience. To enable vaccines to reach the corners of the world, Nanoly is developing polymers that allow vaccines to survive without refrigeration. Both companies were started because of Nanxi's drive to



achieve. She and her co-founders sought problems to solve. Her work with Enplug isn't saving lives but it has impacted thousands of companies ranging from YouTube to Marriott Hotels to HP, which use their digital display software in their offices and venues.

Inspiration Q&A

Q: What philosophy or value do you live by?

NL: Make every day count. Do, learn, share, and give each day. And have lots of fun.



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Q: What does leadership mean to you?

NL: Leadership is the ability to strategically bring together people to achieve a goal. It also means taking care of people, bringing out the best in people, and inspiring action.

Q: Who do you look up to and why?

NL: Elon Musk. He is the paradigm of a person who maximizes time and talent to improve the world. He's built successful companies across multiple industries: PayPal, Tesla, SolarCity, and SpaceX. He's also pledged to give the majority of his wealth to charity. I think

it's important for us to recognize our capabilities and contribute as much as possible.

Q: Who is the most influential person in your life?

NL: My dad. He lives life with the most positive attitude. He's the chilliest Chinese dad you'll ever meet and incredibly supportive. He's raising my 13-year-old sister as a single parent. He also takes my constant pranks like a champ (all of the worst pranks or jokes you can pull on a parent, I've done). He tells me, "If any of your companies go bankrupt, you can come home and sleep on the couch, but you need to wash the dishes and drive your sister to school."

Name: Samantha Taranto

Age: 23

Title: Co-Founder and Chief Education Officer

Company: Tembo Education

Forbes Category: Social Entrepreneurs—
Leveraging business tools to solve the world's problems

Resides in: Tampa, Florida

Gaining personally from service was a lesson learned firsthand by Samantha while serving as vp-pledge education for Epsilon Rho Chapter at Tampa. As a collegian, she realized the person she wanted to become through her chapter involvement—a message well communicated to the pledge class she led and her reasoning for also serving as president.

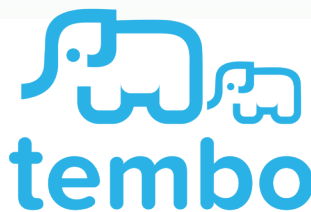
Today, Samantha uses the leadership and interpersonal skills she gained as an officer to help lead Tembo Education, a social enterprise that provides high quality early childhood education to the slums of the world. Tembo's instructional text messages to parents on early childhood education coupled with certified home educators from the community, ensure they are utilized to the highest potential.

Tembo, which translates to "Elephant" in Swahili, is aptly named since it focuses on parents—and elephants are known for being compassionate parents. The co-founders met at the University of Tampa. They were one of six finalists in the social entrepreneurship competition, The Hult Prize, and they are currently raising \$1 million to prepare for their full-scale operation in Nigeria. It will be Tembo's first full academic year of implementation having a positive influence on students and families in the poorest regions of the world.

Inspiration Q&A

Q: What philosophy or value do you live by?

ST: I live by the idea that everyone can do something to make the world a better place. To me the meaning of life is to make a positive impactful difference in the lives of others, and I feel education is the key to do this. The quote by Nelson Mandel "Education is the



most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world" is one of my favorites!

Q: What does leadership mean to you?

ST: To me leadership is taking initiative and communicating a vision and being able to bring that vision to life. Leadership is inspiring others and motivating, empowering and developing them to be the best that they can be.

Q: Who do you look up to and why?

ST: I look up to my mother, Susan. She taught me from a very young age that hard work and dedication are the keys to success. As a single mother to twin girls, she inspired me everyday with her ability to raise a family and work full-time.

Q: Who is the most influential person in your life?

ST: My twin sister Nicole (who is also a brother). We have always been very close and I look to her for advice, guidance and everything in between on a daily basis. I am grateful for her constant support and love. ▲

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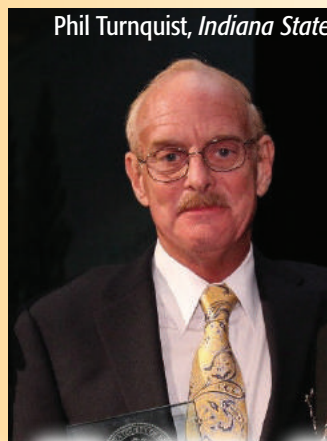
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Phil Almquist, *Bentley*, is a radio traffic reporter at Delmarva Broadcasting Company in Wilmington, Del.

Tionna Van Gundy, *Bowling Green State*, is owner & wedding day detailer at Wedicity Wedding Day Detailing in Chicago.

Richard Stein, *Buffalo*, is senior financial analyst at Hearst Television Inc. in New York, N.Y.

John Toner, *Cal State-Fullerton*, is manager, information technology at University of Florida in Gainesville, Fla.

Jared Richardson, *Cal State-Sacramento*, is assistant information systems analyst at Board of Equalization in Sacramento, Calif.

Carl Wood, *Central Florida*, is regional manager at Franklin Electric in Tallahassee, Fla.

Geoffrey Silverstein, *Connecticut*, is senior vice president at Mizuho Bank in New York, N.Y.

Mark Moore, *Eastern Illinois*, is zone manager, sales at Mazda North American Operations in Aurora, Ill.

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Raymond Coleman, *Florida*, is contracts specialist at Georgia Department of Labor in Atlanta.

Jessica Peacock, *Florida*, is store manager at Bridgestone-Firestone in Gainesville, Fla.

Stacy Belding, *Georgia*, is the manager and owner of Premium Membership Services at the Atlanta Hawks Basketball Club and Philips Arena in Ga.

Kyle Ellington, *Georgia*, is the human resources manager for the Sacramento Kings in Calif.

Amanda Fuller, *Georgia*, is an analyst-financial services practice for RSR Partners in Greenwich, Conn.

Ashley Kroyer, *Georgia*, is a partner at GALLINA LLP in Walnut Creek, Calif.

Denise Lim, *Georgia*, is a sales strategy and analytics specialist at Delta Air Lines Inc. in Atlanta.

Diana Ricketson, *Georgia*, is a digital content coordinator at Home Depot Inc. in Atlanta.

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Nebraska Honors Windeshausen



From left: Schilling, Windeshausen, Kromberg, and Bowman

The Nebraska Alumni Association awarded H. Nicholas Windeshausen, *Nebraska-Lincoln*, with its Alumni Achievement Award in May. PGP Norm Kromberg and ED Bill Schilling joined many friends and alumni attending the Lincoln recognition banquet.

Prior to the banquet, a luncheon was held with Nebraska-Lincoln collegians and members of the Lincoln/Greater Nebraska Alumni Chapter. Brother Kromberg also hosted a Golden Council Reception at his home in Omaha that weekend. Golden Council and past Leadership Foundation Chair Chris Robinett was presented his Silver Helmet award during the festivities. Fellow Golden Council

member Marc Bowman joined several student and alumni present.

Robert Harling, *Nebraska-Omaha*, was recognized by North Carolina Governor Pat McCrory for his lifelong volunteer work. For the last 28 years, Bob has volunteered in his community for the Sandhills/Moore Coalition for Human Care, Southern Pines Rotary Club, and Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church. At Sandhills/Moore, he served the board and was a grant writer in addition to directly assisting those in need by being a driver and screener.

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@dsp.org.

Mergers

Jessica Endres, *Florida*, to Taylor Peacock, on March 5. They live in Gainesville, Fla.

Anna Findley, *Georgia*, to Phillip Lorren on August 29, 2015. They live in Dacula, Ga.

Matthew Biasella, *Ohio*, to Ashley Angelo, on September 19. They live in North Canton, Ohio.

Laura Scott, *Truman State*, to Jim Hays, on February 20. They live in Kansas City, Mo.

Chelsea Trefren, *Washington State*, to Jerimey Pace on June 27, 2015. They live in Vancouver, Wash.

Gains

Jenna Markowitz, *Bellarmino*, and **Billy**, *Ohio Dominican*, on February 19 – Gabriella Elizabeth. They live in Louisville.

Paula “Dani” Feret, *Bowling Green State*, and **David**, *George Mason*, on December 26 – Dean Alexander. They live in Chesapeake, Va.

Southern PVP **Janene Markuske**, *Central Florida*, and Ted, on February 23 – Sally Aurora. They live in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Joy Carroll, *Loyola Marymount*, and **Andrew**, *Cal State-Fullerton*, on October 16 – Victoria Rose. They live in Yorba Linda, Calif.

Losses

Cal State-Chico

Arthur “Joe” Giomi (February 17)

Connecticut

Ernest V. Plantz (December 19)

DePaul

James B. Connellan (April 6)

Eastern Illinois

David J. Ellison (December 31)

Georgia State

William “Bob” Lewis (September 10)

Rhoda B. Mullen (March 4)

Illinois-Urbana

Jeffrey W. Korman (April 2, 2015)

Iowa

Wilfred H. Heitritter (December 21)

Ithaca

Patrick J. Liverio (April 17, 2015)

Kansas

Edward Tatge (February 20)

Louisiana State

John E. Altazan (January 10)

Loyola-Chicago

Dennis M. Crean (November 1)

Maryland-College Park

Joanna Lu (January 14)

Michigan

Richard H. Girardin (March 12)

Michigan State

Ronald J. Niemesh (December 9)

Nebraska-Lincoln

Donald D. Dischner (June 11, 2015)

North Carolina-Chapel Hill

Joseph B. Martin, Jr. (January 7)

North Dakota

Richard E. Arnason (December 3)

Ohio State

Dennis M. Culler (March 16, 2015)

Pittsburgh

Walter A. Schratz (March 7)

St. Cloud State

Timothy J. Bachman (April 11)

San Francisco

Alvin G. Buchignani (March 11)

Suffolk

Richard “Nick” Steinkrauss (April 11)

Texas-Arlington

Steven L. Dickerson (June 15, 2015)

Texas-El Paso

Emmanuel Arzate (April 2)

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Natasha Shyam, *Georgia*, is a commercial credit specialist at BB&T in Columbia, Md.

Margaret Storm McCullers, *Georgia*, is the associate director of academic and special projects for The Institute for Study Abroad at Butler University in Indianapolis.

John Truong, *Georgia*, is a tax consultant at Deloitte, LLP in Atlanta.

Jerry Reid, *Georgia Southern*, is retired as a sales executive at Chesapeake Communications in Richmond, Va.

Blake Murrhee, *Houston*, is the CFO of Epic Industrial Solutions in Houston.

John Scott, *Lamar*, is in sales at The Woodlands Financial Group Insurance Services in Port Arthur, Texas.

Camran Nassiri, *Maryland-College Park*, is retired from Environmental Control in Hayden, Idaho.

New England RVP **Daniel Collins**, *Massachusetts-Boston*, is regulatory compliance officer-pharmacovigilance at Sanofi Genzyme in Waltham, Mass.

Allison Webb, *Mercer*, is a partner at Capincrouse, LLP in Atlanta.

Emily Paxson, *Miami (OH)*, was awarded a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship.

A. J. J. (Jay) Delehanty, *New York*, is practicing appellate and bankruptcy law in Maryland and Washington, D.C.

Kevin Wright, *Northern Arizona*, is graduate assistant, office of student activities at Lewis & Clark College in Portland, Ore.

Deltasig Family Connection

Tony Coe, *Cal Poly-Pomona*, is married to honorary initiate Karen Coe, *Texas-San Antonio*, who was the Eta Chi's Rose Queen. Tony's big brother is Golden Council member Adrian Avalos, *Cal Poly-Pomona*, and the Coe's daughter, Allison, was initiated this spring at Texas Tech.

Matthew Biasella, *Ohio*, is customer relationship management analyst at TimkenSteel Corporation in Canton, Ohio.

Maria Ortiz, *Penn State-State College*, is a client services analyst/Kellogg client team at Nielsen in Battle Creek, Mich.

Meghan Young, *Penn State-State College*, is a territory sales manager at Altria Group Distribution Company in Orlando.

Brian Lee, *Sam Houston State*, is a Colonel in the U.S. Army at Foley, Ala.

Donnaree Rigg-Morgan, *Savannah State*, is a technical associate at TIAA-CREF in Charlotte, N.C.

Michael Weeks, *South Carolina*, is associate buyer at Textron Systems in Hunt Valley, Md.

Meredith Brown, *Tampa*, is recruitment coordinator at The Walt Disney Company in Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

Samantha Falcucci, *Texas-Austin*, is consultant at Microsoft in Charlotte, N.C.

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Fellowship in Phoenix



1991 Lifetime Achievement Awardee Bill Leonard organized a gathering of Deltasig greats at his home in the Phoenix area in February. Joining Bill were 1997 Lifetime Achievement honoree and PGP Dick Parnitzke (1989-85), 1995 Lifetime Achievement honoree and PGP Mike Mallonee (1979-1983) and 1977 Deltasig of the Year Carl Schneider. ED Bill Schilling, Ben Collum, Phoenix-Thunderbird; and Arizona DD David Pratt also joined the group. From left: Schilling, Mallonee, Parnitzke and Leonard.

Deltasig Loses “One-of-a-Kind” Nick Steinkrauss

Delta Sigma Pi mourns the passing of one of our most unique and beloved brothers, Richard “Nick” Steinkrauss, *Suffolk*. Nick left us on March 11, at only 57 years old. His impact on the Fraternity and *thousands* of brothers will not be forgotten. A bachelor, the Fraternity was truly his second family.

Nick earned Deltasig’s Lifetime Achievement Award in 2004, at only age 45. He helped colonize much of the New England Region--personally attending hundreds of meetings all over the area.

Brother Steinkrauss mentored dozens of young Deltasigs—driving, counseling and sponsoring many brothers over *thousands* of miles to GCCs, LEADs, initiations and installations--all over the country.

Nick served on the National Board of Directors (1989-97) and also as a Leadership Foundation Trustee (1993-2000). He endowed funds through the Foundation to award scholarships to students from schools in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont. He inspired many other such regional and chapter funds while supporting funds for Roger Williams (RI), George Mason (VA), Massachusetts-Boston and Chicago Alumni chapters.

To that end, the Steinkrauss family--and his fraternal family--encourage memorial gifts in Nick’s honor be made to the Francis and Margaret Steinkrauss Scholarship Fund--which Nick created to honor his parents, while helping young brothers in the New England Region.

Brother Nick Steinkrauss was truly unique in all he did for Delta Sigma Pi and he will never

be forgotten by the Fraternity he loved. Rest in peace, Nick. Your work will carry on. ▲



Nick Steinkrauss never stopped working for Delta Sigma Pi. He received our Lifetime Achievement Award from GP Kathy Jahnke in 2004 and became National DD of the Year (for the second time!) in 2014 (with GP Mark Chiacchiarri and Northeastern PVP Tricia Smith.



Become a CDL today!



The Certified Deltasig Leader program is an online volunteer training program for Deltasigs. Certification recognizes alumni members for their demonstrated leadership training and experience. To learn more, go to dsp.org/beacdl.

To be a CDL, an alumni member must successfully complete eleven E-learning presentations and their respective quizzes noted as “Core Leadership Training” within a three month period.

To qualify for Advanced Certification (also known as CDL Tier 2), in addition to the E-learning presentations an alumni member must also have participated in or led educational sessions at two Fraternity events in the past five years, complete four E-learning presentations and their respective quizzes noted as “Advanced Training”, and supported the Leadership Foundation with a gift in the last 12 months.

Certifications are effective for a two-year term based on the completion date of the original certification.

Congratulations to the CDLs who earned Tier I or Tier II certification between January 6 and April 29. (Tier II CDLs are marked with a *.)

Lindsay D. Allen*, *Missouri-Columbia*
 Musanna Al-Muntasir*, *Texas A&M-Corpus Christi*
 Frank E. Armstrong, *Ferris State (MI)*
 Jami M. Ball*, *Western State Colorado*
 Gail P. Baumer*, *Buffalo (NY)*
 Jeffrey Berlat*, *Houston*
 Ashley Bernstein*, *South Florida-St. Petersburg*
 Jeffrey A. Blanchard*, *Kennesaw State (GA)*
 Richard R. Boner, *Cal State-Fullerton*
 Patrick A. Bonfrisco*, *Cal State-Fullerton*
 Shane T. Borden, *Central Florida*
 Jessica Butchko Boucher*, *New Mexico State*
 Amy L. Briggs*, *Minnesota State*
 Paul G. Brodie*, *Texas-Arlington*
 Lisa Brown*, *Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo*
 Xavier Carr*, *Wayne State-Michigan*
 Kristyn Lyn Childress*, *Colorado State*
 Dale M. Clark*, *Longwood (VA)*
 Daniel J. Collins*, *Massachusetts-Boston*
 J. Dean Craig*, *Texas-Arlington*
 Linda Hoag Dorn*, *Winona State (MN)*
 Mark E. Dorn*, *Minnesota State*
 Danielle Gohman*, *St. Cloud State (MN)*
 Gena Louise Goodson*, *Cameron (OK)*
 Kevin L. Gore*, *Missouri-Kansas City*
 Roman Guillory*, *Louisiana-Lafayette*
 Zachary D. Hanson, *St. Cloud State (MN)*

Chelsea H. Hayes*, *Wayne State-Nebraska*
 Morgan Gilliane Hill, *Texas A&M-Corpus Christi*
 Hannah Hutton Hoes*, *St. Thomas (MN)*
 Mar Hoyos*, *Pacific (CA)*
 Onuka Ibe*, *Truman State (MO)*
 Henry Lee James*, *West Alabama*
 Crystal A. Justice*, *Pacific (CA)*
 Elizabeth M. Keith*, *Bowling Green State (OH)*
 Charles M. Kenney*, *North Texas*
 Philip C. Kreznor*, *Drake (IA)*
 Brian P. Krippner*, *Truman State (MO)*
 Norman Kromberg*, *Nebraska-Lincoln*
 Sarah Laus*, *Arizona*
 Erin R. Lee*, *Western Kentucky*
 Christopher Liow, *Cal State-East Bay*
 Brittany L. Loera, *New Mexico*
 Juanida Elizabeth Lopez, *St. Mary's (TX)*
 Taylor Malcolm, *Mercer (GA)*
 Jenna Sympon Markowitz*, *Bellarmine (KY)*
 Whitney C. Massey*, *Radford (VA)*
 Ariana M. Mata, *Texas-Austin*
 David Miller*, *Texas Tech*
 Jeffrey A. Mitch, *Duquesne (PA)*
 Samantha Paggen*, *Minnesota State*
 Luke Nagashima*, *Hawaii-Manoa*
 Tyrone Newsome*, *Lewis (IL)*
 Marzieh Angelica Nightingale*, *Pacific (CA)*

Laura E. O'Connell*, *Northern Illinois*
 Karin Olivo*, *Radford (VA)*
 Nicole Orlando*, *Winona State (MN)*
 Elise L. Pelto*, *Nebraska-Omaha*
 Kelly J. Rabin*, *Drake (IA)*
 Rafael Rawlings*, *Wayne State-Michigan*
 Joshua J. Reneau, *Kennesaw State (GA)*
 Nicolas J. Rizzi, *Denver*
 Joshua T. Robinson*, *Midwestern State (TX)*
 Margarita Rodriguez, *Minnesota State*
 Jaclyn M. Romero*, *Texas-El Paso*
 Carrie Sagel Burns*, *Mercer (GA)*
 Aldwyn Delarno Sappleton, *Oklahoma*
 Corie L. Schilberg*, *Penn State-Erie*
 Jodi L. Schoh*, *Winona State (MN)*
 Allan D. Schuster, Jr.*, *Texas-Arlington*
 Joseph M. Shaver*, *Truman State (MO)*
 Mitchell B. Simmons*, *Southern Mississippi*
 Patricia A. Smith*, *Akron (OH)*
 Amanda Stanley*, *Texas A&M-Kingsville*
 Mathew R. Temple*, *Cal State-Fullerton*
 Jeanna M. Tipton*, *Cincinnati Alumni*
 Rachel Trimble, *South Florida-St. Petersburg*
 Alexandra Warrick*, *Evansville (IN)*
 Kevin R. Weber*, *Missouri-St. Louis*

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Vonda Dreyer, *Truman State*, is owner/agent at American Family Insurance in Versailles, Mo.

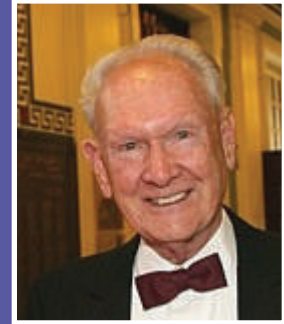
Chelsea Pace, *Washington State*, is data analyst at Fisher Investments in Camas, Wash.

Montie Hicks, *West Liberty*, is vice president-commercial credit specialist at BB&T in Martinsburg, W. Va.

Alec Wyman, *Western Michigan*, is global food programs marketing coordinator at NSF International in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Fraternity Mourns Loss of Walter Schratz

Walter Schratz, *Pittsburgh*, our 2012 Career Achievement honoree has passed away. Brother Schratz spent his career at Westinghouse Corporation and Carnegie Mellon University. His career at Westinghouse took him across the globe, later serving as a major gifts officer at Carnegie Mellon. He was also one of the prominent speakers at the Delta Sigma Pi Leadership Academies held in Oxford during the 1990s. ▲



The Largest Firm of Its Type in the USA in Just 12 Years



Peter Merrill, *Albany*, founded Construction Dispute Resolution Services, LLC. (CDRS) in 2004 and serves as president and CEO of the largest exclusive provider of construction-related dispute resolution services in the United States. CDRS employs construction alternative dispute resolution specialists in all 50 states, Washington, D.C., and in several foreign countries.

Brother Merrill graduated in 1969 with a major in accounting and immediately went to work for Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co., which he would later leave to pursue a career in construction. He has served as president of both his local and state Home Builders Associations and is currently serving on the executive board of the National Association of Home Builders. He has also served on an advisory council and in other positions for the Federal Reserve and is active with the local State Bar Association.

CDRS opened at a time when many contractors and homeowners were complaining that they could not get their disputes settled in a timely, inexpensive and simple manner. They became accustomed to long waits and great expense by litigating disputes through the courts. Every citizen of the United States has a constitutional right to their day in court, but that right can be voluntarily waived in favor of other dispute resolution processes. CDRS provides those processes, mediation, arbitration, and alternative dispute resolution



processes, to facilitate the settling of disputes that develop prior to, during or after construction projects. Arbitration is typically far less expensive, more expeditious and simpler than going to court to settle a construction dispute.

Brother Merrill has served as a guest speaker for many construction-related or legal organizations and has written many articles that have been published in various construction trade magazines. His outside interests include classical singing and he currently serves as president of the Santa Fe Symphony Chorus. He has performed in various locations including Carnegie Hall in New York City. ▲

MicroMindfulness,



According to the American Psychological Association stress in our society is at epidemic proportions. You can achieve a significant and quantitative reduction in your stress level in about 30 seconds with a brief process called MicroMindfulness™. With more than 20 years of business development experience, I created this extremely brief mindfulness based stress reduction practice, which was the subject of my doctoral dissertation. This stress-reducing experience will also enhance mood and increase productivity. You'll want to share this method with family and colleagues so they also reap the benefits.

To prove the effectiveness of this technique, I'm going to ask you to join me right now in a brief experiment that I have successfully conducted at many locations including Google's headquarters. The three activities you'll do now are based on scientific research. In order for you to have a visceral experience where it is actually possible to reduce stress within 30 seconds, start by writing down your level of stress from 1 to 10. Level 1 means you have no stress whatsoever and you are calm, focused, and centered. Level 10 means you're stressed to the max--to the point where you'd like to scream.

Step 1: Take 6 deep breaths.

A study that involved more than 21,000 people demonstrated that taking six deep breaths can reduce one's heart rate by 6.3 to 8.4 heartbeats per minute, which is one measure of stress reduction (Mori, 2005). This practice also has the potential to shift our body from the sympathetic nervous system, the stress response, to the parasympathetic nervous system, the more relaxed part of our nervous system. The best kind of deep breath is the one where you slowly fill your lungs from bottom to top and then slowly exhale. Please do those six *relaxing* deep breaths *now*.

Step 2: Seeing colors and numbers on each index fingertip.

Our second activity addresses the amygdala, an almond-shaped part of the brain that is nestled between the left and right hemispheres. It was one of the earliest parts of the brain to develop because it involved our survival. The amygdala triggers the fight or flight response. The typical event that triggers a stress response, other than an actual physical threat, is a psychological thought-based response to an undesirable situation, real or imagined.

Don Goewey, the author of *The End of Stress*, says the amygdala is a little like a two-year-old and in many cases a stress response is akin to a two-year-old having a tantrum. Parents know that sufficiently distracting a two-year-old with something new has the ability to re-focus the child's attention and calms the child's mind. The same is generally true with the amygdala.

By using colors and numbers we can distract the brain from its current stress "tantrum" and challenge the brain to a task that requires an unusual amount of distraction and re-focusing. In this case we use three color circles, green, yellow, and red, like we would see on a traffic signal light. We also use the numbers 1, 2, and 3. This activity simultaneously involves (distracts) both hemispheres of the brain by engaging the left-hand and right-hand in a simple activity.

For the second activity, with our palms facing toward our face, we put our attention on the pad of each index fingertip. Now, imagine seeing a green circle with the number 1 in the middle of it on top of each index fingertip pad. Don't worry if you don't actually "see" the green circle with the number 1 in it on each fingertip pad. It is only important that you imagine seeing it. That is sufficiently challenging in most cases to fully distract the amygdala. Next, press the left thumb against the left index fingertip pad and the right thumb against the right index fingertip pad. Play along. I know it can



REDUCTION in 30 Seconds

By David King Keller, *Maryland-College Park*

seem a little odd and silly, but the uniqueness is part of its effectiveness. The benefits are completely worth this brief, simple effort.

Release each thumb and imagine seeing a yellow circle with the number 2 in the middle of it on each index fingertip pad. Press that yellow circle with the adjacent thumb as you did before. Now, release the thumb and imagine seeing a red circle with the number 3 in the middle of it on each index fingertip pad. Then press each fingertip pad with its adjacent thumb.

Again, do not worry if you do not actually “see” the colors and numbers. Some of you will and some of you won’t. It doesn’t matter. It’s only important that you make the effort. The effort is enough to distract the brain from almost all previous thoughts in order to accomplish the simple yet gently complex task you are asking of it.

Step 3: Smiling, and enjoying the experience.

Now, before we will release our thumbs, we will smile. That posture will be held for ten seconds or longer. As you smile, you’ll notice how “empty” your mind is and how calm you feel. All smiles work, whether it is a Mona Lisa type smile or a broad laughing smile, where you put crinkles around each eye and creases around your lips.

A study published in *Psychology Science* shows that a slight rising of the lips into a smile will reduce heart rate and improve mood (Kraft, 2013). We know from this study on smiling that one’s stress will also go down due to a release of hormones triggered by the smile. The study found that this remains true even if you are faking the smile. So, for all of us willing to improve our lives with a short experience and playing along, please smile now.

By the time you smile, the mind is now empty because we have temporarily stopped tasking it. In the process our brain had to “let go” of the stress “tantrum” that was in our mind prior to the gentle, challenging, simple-yet-complex task simultaneously involving multiple parts of our brain.

When I did this exercise with engineers at Google’s headquarters, they said that it was like emptying the RAM space of a computer. The random-access memory

was temporarily emptied and a brief period of calm and quiet prevailed.

Now, please go through the MicroMindfulness™ sequence once again and write down your second level of stress from 1 to 10.

Compare your first stress level number with your second stress level number. Did your number go down? I certainly hope so and if you wish to share your results, experience, thoughts, and any questions with me (david@kbdag.com), the results may be submitted to a scientific journal for publication.

The Big Bonus

Research conducted by Cornell University in partnership with Lockheed Martin Corporation (Hodge, 2001) has demonstrated that taking a 30-second micro break every two hours will significantly reduce errors and increase productivity.

My smart phone is set at 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m., and 3 p.m. to take a MicroMindfulness™ break and take advantage of the Cornell research. So, set your computer or smart phone to give you a gentle alert to take the 30-second micro break every two hours and receive the benefits of stress reduction, mood enhancement and increased productivity. ▲

About the Author

David King Keller, *Maryland-College Park*, has earned his MBA and Ph.D. and is an award-winning business development consultant, keynote speaker, and author of three business books for lawyers, including *Building Rainmakers*, *The Definitive Guide To Business Development For Lawyers*. David

connects businesses with their target audience. David invites you to connect on LinkedIn, visit kbdag.com and buildingrainmakers.com, and email him at david@kbdag.com.



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Deltasisg alumni arrived in Nashville prior to the Southern LEAD Provincial Conference to take in the sights and sounds of the country music capital of the world. From left: Southeastern RVP Carrie Sagel Burns; Mid-Atlantic RVP Karin Olivo; Central Gulf RVP Holly Vernon; Atlantic Coast RVP Opeola Bukola; Music Row tour guide Pip; Stacey Scheinkman, Missouri-St. Louis; Mid-South RVP Erin Lee; LF Trustee Corie Schilberg; Beth Losik, Baker; and Golden Council member Heather Lewis.



HAWAII ALUMNI celebrated Alumni Weekend with HAWAII-HILO at Liliuokalani Gardens. The group also celebrated Lambda Psi's 27th birthday on April 22 on Coconut Island. From left: Clayton Chong, Miami-Ohio; Lorena Dela Cruz, Marvin Louis Nagtalon, Tehani-Jenae Palolo, Juvette Kahawaii, Aysia Kaaumoana, Aisha Izuno, and Neil Nakaza; all Hawaii-Hilo.



In honor of Administrative Professionals Day, the CENTRAL OFFICE STAFF enjoyed fun and friendly competition at the Oxford Lanes bowling alley. The staff was no match for Director of Finance and Administration Jeanna Tipton who outscored everyone.

HAWAII-MANOA hosted an alumni mixer with HONOLULU-OAHU Alumni Chapter. During the event, the chapters also announced pairings for their mentorship program. 2011 National COY Cody Silva (standing, far left) attended the event.



DALLAS AREA hosted a professional program about the home buying process. After moving to Dallas a few years ago, The Waller Group realtor Venus Jones, *Florida State*, met First Choice Loan Services mortgage loan planner Patrick Glaros in Dallas. She would later learn he is a brother from Southern Methodist. During the event, Venus provided information on how to look for a home, how the market works, and even presented several properties available. Patrick then discussed different programs for first time buyers, how credit affects the process and how brothers can improve their credit situation.

DENVER hosts an annual summer BBQ to recruit new members and give current members a chance to enjoy brotherhood, food and the great Colorado outdoors. This event, which will take place in August, is free for collegiate members and recent graduates. To learn more about the chapter and upcoming events, contact Susie Hausman at shausman22@outlook.com.

LOS ANGELES will host its third annual Wine and Networking Mixer in October at BottleRock LA, a family business of Nicole Hakim, *San Diego State*. This event brings together brothers from the Los Angeles area in a relaxed setting where they can fraternize with one another and enjoy wine and food pairings. For more information, please contact Nicole Hakim at nhakim310@gmail.com or RVP Erica Kolsrud at ericakolsrud@gmail.com.

LOUISVILLE is excited to announce their third annual Day at the Downs scheduled for November 12. Brothers from around the country gather for horse racing at the famous Churchill Downs! Tickets are \$45 and give you access to the track and a seat on Millionaires Row, the same seating area where celebrities watch the Kentucky Derby. Your ticket also includes free parking, a racing program, and an all-you-can-eat lunch buffet with cash bar. The chapter also secures a behind the scenes tour of the facility and other fun activities. For more information, contact Billy Markowitz at billy.markowitz.dsp@gmail.com. ▲

ARIZONA, ARIZONA STATE, NORTHERN ARIZONA and PHOENIX-THUNDERBIRD celebrated Alumni Day with their annual Alumni Dinner in Phoenix.

About 85 brothers dined and networked together while honoring LF Trustee Larry Van Quathem (front center) with his Silver Helmet. Thank you to Emilee Migray, *Arizona State*; Jessica Crosby, *Arizona*; and Kimberly Haston, *Northern Arizona*; for planning the event.



In celebration of National Alumni Day, members of CINCINNATI, CINCINNATI ALUMNI and the Central Office Staff attended the Reds vs. Cubs game on April 24. In total 14 brothers watched the Cubs defeat the Reds 9-0.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE ALUMNI FOR THEIR SERVICE!



Bob Patterson, Penn State-Erie, received his Silver Helmet at Mu Pi's 25th anniversary celebration in April. Brother Patterson was initiated in 1991 when the chapter was installed and has served as chapter advisor ever since. Bob has made an impact on hundreds of chapter members and he continues his commitment to the National Fraternity by attending events, including the 2015 Grand Chapter Congress. From left: PGP Mark Chiacchiari, Steel Valley RVP Kristen Kralik, Bob's daughter Brother Katie Patterson, Penn State-Erie; Patterson and Northeastern PVP Tricia Smith.



PGP Mitch Simmons presented Michael Luehlfing, Southern Mississippi, with his Silver Helmet in May. Brother Luehlfing served as chapter advisor at three universities: Gamma Tau (Southern Mississippi), Beta Zeta (Louisiana State), and most recently Beta Psi (Louisiana Tech). He also served as Beta Psi's DD before returning to the advisor role.



Western PVP Patrick Bonfrisco presented the Anthony Z. Fernandez Distinguished Alumni Service Award to Carley Haro, Cal State-Fullerton, on behalf of the Orange County Alumni Chapter for her active participation since her graduation in 2014. In just two years, Carley has held officer positions for the alumni chapter and served as DD for Sigma Phi Chapter at Chapman, Western Provincial Professional Development Chair, and pledge educator for California Lutheran Colony.

Larry Van Quathem, Arizona, was presented his Silver Helmet in April for 25 years of service during an alumni dinner hosted by Arizona, Arizona State, Northern Arizona and Phoenix-Thunderbird. In addition to his current tenure as a LF Trustee and committee member, Larry has also served as a DD, Desert Mountain RVP, and multiple office positions for Phoenix-Thunderbird Alumni Chapter.



Arlington Area Lone Star Alumni Chapter presented Stacy Lott, Texas-Arlington, with the Anthony Z. Fernandez Distinguished Alumni Service Award in May. Prior to serving as the chapter's president and as vp-collegiate relations she planned the biannual "Meet the Alumni" with Texas-Arlington. Brother Lott has also served as DD for the collegiate chapters at North Texas, Texas-Arlington and Texas Christian. From left: Golden Council members Paul Brodie and Cindy Collum McSpadden and Lott.

Share news of your collegiate chapter's activities and events with brothers across the country!
Email news and photos to magazine@dsp.org



MINNESOTA, ST. CLOUD STATE (MN), and TWIN CITIES (MN) packed food at Feed My Starving Children in Chanhassen in April. Together, the brothers packed 161 boxes of food, which will feed 95 children in Haiti for a year. North Central PVP Jodi Schoh and National Alumni Development Chair Linda Dorn (front row, right) participated in the event.



Chapters from the GULF WESTERN REGION attended an area conference in January. During the day, brothers learned about achieving their goals, managing risk, networking, recruiting, interviewing and more. Gulf Western RVP Musanna Al-Muntasir (kneeling in front) organized the conference.



Brothers from BABSON (MA) and BENTLEY (MA) volunteered at Cradles to Crayons in Boston. 2016 National COY Jen Huynh sits front left.

18 brothers proudly wore their purple and gold cords this spring when they graduated from PENNSYLVANIA.





TEXAS-ARLINGTON toured the brand new Integrated Control Center of American Airlines. Brothers learned how the center's departments work with each other and how the building was designed to facilitate maximum productivity.

SAGINAW VALLEY STATE (MI) donated over \$6,000 to The American Cancer Society through Relay for Life. The chapter achieved this through selling T-shirts, Valentine's Day-grams and Relay for Life bracelets. A \$2,500 sponsorship from 3 Dimensional Services helped them nearly double their donation. During the event, the chapter's Relay Team hosted an inflatable twister game with 40 collegians, two alumni members and two cancer survivors.



BOWLING GREEN STATE (OH) raised almost \$1,500 for The American Cancer Society and The Wood County Humane Society through their annual Teeter-Totter-A-Thon. Eight companies sponsored the event in which nearly 70 brothers and pledges participated in addition to members of the student body.

CALIFORNIA-RIVERSIDE hosted a banquet for their graduating seniors complete with red roses and warm send off.





RADFORD'S (VA) Zach King was presented the 2016 King Award for Scholarly Excellence in Honors for his case study on management of employee attendance in the poultry industry. His paper integrated new ideas into the existing management literature and is a great example of taking a scholarly approach to an applied question. From left: Professor of Psychology Niels Christensen and King.



CAMERON (OK) was recognized as the best of the best and awarded the university's 5 Star Organization Award for the 2015-2016 academic year. Congratulations to the chapter on their success!



GEORGIA COLLEGE & STATE helped plant trees as a part of an initiative that began February 19 for Georgia Arbor Day and continued until National Arbor Day on April 29. During that time, 20 on-campus organizations helped the Grounds Department plant nearly 4,000 trees. From left: Kelsey Gower, Sabrina Brant, Ryan Stewart, Austin Moore, Ryan Eichwald, Sara Etelalahti, Jenny Deichsel, Will Edmiston, Matt Panetta, and Andrew Benson.

SYRACUSE (NY) co-sponsored the Whitman Sales Case Competition with the American Marketing Association. The two-day event, planned by brothers Joey Howard and Daniel Strauss, kicked off with a networking event for participants to meet representatives and judges from Frito Lay, TEKSystems and Bloomberg. During the competition, each of the seven teams had eight minutes to pitch a 1970s Umbroller stroller to three judges. Pictured are several brothers who competed in the sales competition and the judges.



Thank You to these Blood Drive Participants!

According to the Advancing Transfusion and Cellular Therapies Worldwide American Association of Blood Banks, although an estimated 38% of the U.S. population is eligible to donate blood at any given time, less than 10% donate annually. To help this need, Delta Sigma Pi has encouraged chapters and members to support this for the past several years. As this national initiative comes to a close, we thank the 49 chapters who sponsored or participated in a blood drive and registered their event with the Central Office and/or National Community Service Chair Angie Schelp in 2016:

Ball State (IN)
 Baylor (TX)
 Bentley (MA)
 Boston U.
 Bowling Green State (OH)
 Buffalo (NY)
 California-Riverside
 Cal State-Sacramento
 Cameron (OK)
 Colorado-Boulder
 DePaul (IL)
 George Mason (VA)
 Georgia
 Georgia State
 Howard (DC)
 Indiana-Purdue at Indianapolis

Kent State (OH)
 Louisiana State
 Lynchburg (VA)
 Miami-Ohio
 Minnesota
 Nebraska-Lincoln
 New Jersey
 North Carolina-Chapel Hill
 Ohio State
 Oklahoma
 Pacific (CA)
 Penn State-State College
 Pittsburgh
 Purdue (IN)
 Rockhurst (MO)
 Saginaw Valley State (MI)

San Diego
 San Diego State
 San Francisco
 South Carolina
 Southern Illinois-Edwardsville
 Syracuse (NY)
 Texas Tech
 Texas-Arlington
 Texas-Austin
 Texas-El Paso
 Truman State (MO)
 UCLA
 Washington State
 Western Illinois
 Winona State (MN)
 Wisconsin-La Crosse
 Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Support our National Service Initiatives!

With service as a core value of Delta Sigma Pi, we encourage all members to participate in these designated initiatives to make a resounding impact on our communities across the nation.

In **2016, Make A Difference Day is October 22**. As individuals nationwide come together to serve, consider joining fellow brothers to participate in a highway or park clean up, collect donations for a food bank or serve your community's greatest need. Throughout the year, you can also support **Ronald McDonald House Charities** by volunteering at a Ronald McDonald House or donating supplies or a financial gift to a House.



Join us in

New Orleans for the 2017 GCC!



Delta Sigma Pi will take to the Crescent City for our 51st Grand Chapter Congress! Join us next summer for a week of fun and excitement as hundreds of Deltasigs come together to experience brotherhood to the max. With your fellow brothers, get out and see the streets that make New Orleans famous.

There's more than the jazz and nightlife of Bourbon Street. Ride the historic streetcars on oak-lined St. Charles Avenue to tour historic mansions. On Freret and Magazine, you'll find boutique shopping, dining, bars, spas and salons, coffee shops and art galleries. While over on Royal you'll also get to experience some of the best architecture in the city. If you're looking to walk in the shoes of a member at Tulane or Loyola-New Orleans, head over to Maple Street. The live music that New Orleans is synonymous with can be heard on Frenchmen Street—and all over the city. The Big Easy offers much more--including world-class food, festivals and family fun.

One of the "10 Best Food Cities in America" -- The Washington Post

The Cajun and Creole cuisine that New Orleans is famous for reflects the cultural roots of the city and is found on every corner. Enjoy jambalaya, a traditional rice dish, with chicken, sausage or seafood **(1)** and you'll know why this dish is a staple. Across the city you'll find menus with po-boys **(2)** and muffulettas **(3)**, sandwiches that have been served for more than a century and commonly are labeled as "the best in New Orleans". What can't be found in every neighborhood is an order of beignets (come with three) and chicory coffee at Café Du Monde **(4)**. For upscale dining, visit Commander's Palace **(5)**, a New Orleans landmark in the Garden District since 1880 that is known for its award winning haute Creole. Brennan's **(6)**, the pink building that is home of Bananas Foster, also offers Creole cuisine with a contemporary take.

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Number one on Travel + Leisure's list of "America's Best Cities for Festivals"

The city's music, food and art festivals start with the best known of them all, Mardi Gras, and continue throughout the summer. There's something for everyone and popular August festivals include COOLinary New Orleans, Satchmo SummerFest, Whitney White Linen Night, Dirty Linen Night and the NOLA Downtown Music and Arts Festival.



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Cheryl Gerber

Number one on TripAdvisor's list of the "7 Best Family Getaways in America"

Fun can be had by all on New Orleans' historic Steamboat Natchez and streetcars. Upon coming aboard New Orleans' only authentic steamboat, the ship's décor and live jazz will transport you to a simpler time. Enjoy a historical tour of the city while the views take your breath away. The Steamboat Natchez and streetcar lines are much more than transportation methods, they offer adults and children alike a view into the past.

The adventure continues at the Audubon Nature Institute, where the Experience Package (saves 30%) includes a visit to the zoo, Aquarium of the Americas, and the Butterfly Garden and Insectarium. The New Orleans Museum of Art and its sculpture garden or City Park with the New Orleans Botanical Garden are more stops to take in what the city has to offer.

For kid-specific fun, check out the Carousel Gardens Amusement Park, Mother Goose themed playground Storyland, Louisiana Children's Museum or the French Quarter Kids.

Pencil in Grand Chapter Congress 2017 for August 16-20. GCC will be held at the Sheraton New Orleans Hotel and you can book your hotel now at the conference rate of \$139/night. Visit dsp.org and click "Events", then "Grand Chapter Congress" for more information. Registration will also be available later this year. ▲

There's plenty more to do in New Orleans, don't miss out on the fun options:

- ✓ SWAMP BOAT TOUR
- ✓ JACKSON SQUARE
- ✓ PLANTATION TOUR
- ✓ PRESERVATION HALL
- ✓ CASINO
- ✓ GHOST TOUR
- ✓ CEMETERY TOUR
- ✓ NATIONAL WORLD WAR II MUSEUM

COLLEGIANS

Presenting the 2016 Collegians of the Year!

Jennifer Huynh, *Babson*, was named Delta Sigma Pi's 2016 National Collegian of the Year. This honor was bestowed upon Brother Huynh for exemplifying the values inherent in Delta Sigma Pi's Ritual and perpetuating the ideals as set forth in the Purpose of the Fraternity. As a three time chapter COY honoree, Brother Huynh now garners the top honor. She is a charter member of the reactivated Gamma Upsilon Chapter and served in various roles including as chancellor and vp-scholarship and awards.

More than 40 years ago, the Collegian of the Year award was established and today the Leadership Foundation awards scholarships and recognition in excess of \$18,000 annually to COYs. This is made possible by the National COY Scholarship endowed by Sidney "Sparky"

and Ruth "Buttercup" Sparks. The scholarship grew through a re-endowment, a generous Living Legacy gift made by Sparky and more support from Buttercup.

Last October Buttercup, turned 100 years old and she credits her longevity to exercise, diet, staying active and her Danish genes. Buttercup enlisted in the U.S. Waves (Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service) and after boot camp she moved to Memphis, Tennessee for Aviation and Mechanic School. It was when Buttercup moved to Corpus Christi, Texas that she would meet Sparky, her husband of 36 years. Today their fund supports the COY program at the provincial and national level. The regional level is funded through the Mr.

and Mrs. Sidney A. Sparks Fund and the Clyde Kitchens/Thoben Elrod endowment. ▲



Sparky and Buttercup Sparks attended six Grand Chapter Congresses together and countless other Deltasig events including the National Diamond Anniversary Celebration in 1982 (pictured here).

COY Criteria

In order of importance:

Fraternity involvement; attendance at inter-chapter Fraternity events including but not limited to Grand Chapter Congress, LEAD Schools and LEAD Provincial Conferences, regional initiations, chapter installations, etc.; essay outlining goals if selected as National Collegian of the Year; degree of leadership exhibited in Delta Sigma Pi; university/community

involvement and leadership; scholastic aptitude/GPA; additional essays required by the application and letters of recommendation.

Other criteria considered include: ability to represent the Fraternity on the National Board of Directors, leadership ability, dependability, responsibility, honesty, integrity and sincerity, moral character, personality and professional attitude. ▲

OF THE YEAR

Jen's Path to National COY

Honor:	Chapter COY	Regional COY	Provincial COY	National COY
Selection Body:	Chapter	Regional Awards Committee	Provincial Scholastic Development and Awards Committee	National Scholastic Development and Awards Committee
Pool:	68 chapter members	9 Chapter COYs from the New England Region	7 Regional COYs from the Northeastern Province	5 Provincial COYs
Award:	Certificate	Certificate, scholarship and Pearl and Ruby badge	Certificate and eligible for scholarship	Certificate, two year term on the Board of Directors and eligible for graduate scholarship
Total:	141 Chapter COYs	31 Regional COYs	5 Provincial COYs	1 National COY

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Jennifer Huynh, *Babson* (MA)



Brother Huynh accepted the National Collegian of the Year award at the Northeastern LEAD Provincial Conference in Washington, D.C. From left: GP Onuka Ibe, PGP Mark Chiacchiari, Huynh, Babson; Northeastern PVP Tricia Smith, LF Trustee Larry Mroz and 2004 Lifetime Achievement honoree and Babson DD Nick Steinkrauss.

Mid-Atlantic - Jonathan Wehausen, *Virginia Tech*
 Mid-South - Megan Poole, *Bellarmine* (KY)
 Midwestern - Jordan Gieselman, *Central Missouri*
 New England - Jennifer Huynh, *Babson* (MA)
 Niagara - Travis Brodbeck, *Siena* (NY)
 North Central - Brikken Jensen, *St. Cloud State* (MN)
 Pacific Coast - Rechenna Lo, *Chapman* (CA)
 Pacific Northwest - Jordan Shaffer, *Washington State*
 Rocky Mountain - Caroline Blakney, *Denver*
 Sierra Nevada - Megan Breyer, *Nevada-Reno*
 South Atlantic - Amanda Maldonado, *South Florida-Tampa*
 South Pacific - Michelle Dang, *Hawaii-Manoa*
 Southeastern - Leslie Graham, *Mercer* (GA)
 Southwestern - Jose Angulo, *Texas-Arlington*
 Steel Valley - Darian Bennett, *Kent State* (OH)
 Tornado Alley - Carson Guinn, *Oklahoma State*

REGIONAL

Atlantic Coast - Sarah Lawrence, *Florida*
 Bay Area - Nathan Nguyen, *San Jose State* (CA)
 Capital - Emily Allan, *Maryland-College Park*
 Central - Kim Oberfell, *Purdue* (IN)
 Central Gulf - Cely-Ann Riera, *West Florida*
 Desert Mountain - Nadine Merheb, *Arizona*
 East Central - Meghan Pope, *Cincinnati*

Eastern - Daniel Palo, *Rider* (NJ)
 Empire - Pia Steffes, *Adelphi* (NY)
 Gateway - Adam Peth, *Lindenwood* (MO)
 Great Lakes - Hannah Toohey, *Loyola-Chicago*
 Great Plains - David Moore, *Iowa State*
 Gulf South - Lainey Latiolais, *Louisiana State*
 Gulf Western - Pablo Portillo, *Texas A&M-Kingsville*
 Huron - Kevin Finley, *Saginaw Valley State* (MI)

CHAPTER

Albany (NY) - Peter Rodrigues
 Angelo State (TX) - Denver Luther
 Arizona - Nadine Merheb
 Arizona State - John Colaiacovo
 Auburn (AL) - Cashwell Morpeth
 Babson (MA) - Jennifer Huynh
 Ball State (IN) - Alexa Coy
 Baylor (TX) - Miguel Astello

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Bellarmine (KY) - Megan Poole
Bentley (MA) - Ben Shoham
Boston - Ting Ting Chen Zeng
Bowling Green State (OH) -
Raven Aurand
Bryant (RI) - Christopher Doto
Buffalo (NY) - Eric Yonda
Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo -
Natalie Killian
Cal State-East Bay -
Christian Delgadillo
Cal State-Fresno -
Kooshali Suresh Kumar
Cal State-Fullerton - Viethoa Tran
Cal State-Long Beach -
Jillian Isabel De Leon
California-Irvine - Cherish Corpuz
California-Riverside - Jeonghwan An
California-San Diego - Michael Keller
Central Florida - Jonathan O'Toole
Central Missouri - Jordan Gieselman
Chapman (CA) - Rechenna Lo
Christian Brothers (TN) -
Tedetrion Woods
Cincinnati - Meghan Pope
Clemson (SC) - Hunter Hodges
Colorado State - Jared Faircloth
Colorado-Boulder - Justin Mayo
Colorado-Colorado Springs -
Lee Hesson
Connecticut - Christina Debruin
Dayton (OH) - Emily O'Donnell
Denver - Caroline Blakney
DePaul (IL) - Warren Olaya
Drake (IA) - William Hanisch
Eastern Illinois -
Marissa Bouma-Sweeney
Evansville (IN) - Kaitlin Koenig
Florida - Sarah Lawrence
Florida International - Jaime Williams
Florida Southern - Jessica Spath
Florida State - Nathalie Bazalais
George Mason (VA) -
Sadaf Islamzada
Georgia - Julia Aman
Georgia College & State -
Clara Utesch
Georgia Southern -
Dai Chavon Williams
Grand Valley State (MI) -
Anna Trenshaw
Hawaii-Hilo - Lorena Dela Cruz
Hawaii-Manoa - Michelle Dang
Illinois State - Michael Currie
Indiana - Abbey Swhear
Indiana State - Aubree Stebbins
Indiana-Purdue at Indianapolis -
Emily Brooks
Iowa - Sung Min Cho
Iowa State - David Moore
Kansas - Meghan Hyatt



Midwestern RVP Nicole Moeller and South Central Provincial COY Jordan Gieselman, Central Missouri.



Southeastern RVP Carrie Sagel Burns and Southern Provincial COY Leslie Graham, Mercer.



2014, 2015 and 2016 Western Provincial COYs with Western PVP Patrick Bonfrisco. From left: Nick Rizzi, Denver, Ruby Wong, California-San Diego, and Rechenna Lo, Chapman. Rizzi is also the 2014 National COY.

Kennesaw State (GA) -
Pardis Khoshlesan
Kent State (OH) - Darian Bennett
Lewis (IL) - Samantha Bluemer
Lindenwood (MO) - Adam Peth
Longwood (VA) - Megan Holley
Louisiana State - Lainey Latiolais
Louisiana Tech - Lyeishsa Evans
Louisiana-Lafayette - Amy Fernon
Louisville (KY) - Aaron DuVall
Loyola Marymount (CA) -
George Aceves

Loyola-Chicago - Hannah Toohey
Maryland-College Park - Emily Allan
Massachusetts-Amherst -
Kelsey Stuart
Massachusetts-Boston - Ina Ovalle
McNeese State (LA) - Samantha Hill
Mercer (GA) - Leslie Graham
Miami (FL) - Megan Lee
Michigan - Francesco Munaco
Midwestern State (TX) - Isabel Perez
Minnesota - Hannah Stephan
Missouri-Columbia -
Blake Brueggemann



North Central Provincial COY
Hannah Toohey, Loyola-Chicago.

- Missouri-Kansas City -
Cheyanne Youngs
- Nebraska-Lincoln - Cody Weihe
- Nevada-Reno - Megan Breyer
- New Jersey - Kevin Boise
- New Mexico - Ava Mueller
- North Texas - Lien Ha
- Northeastern (MA) - Vishvesh Patel
- Northern Arizona - Adam De Serio
- Northern Colorado - Seth McClain
- Northwestern-Evanston (IL) -
Andrew Niederschulte
- Ohio - Angelina Moore
- Ohio State - Anthony Kasper
- Oklahoma - Maya Sykes
- Oklahoma State - Carson Guinn
- Pacific (CA) - Kyle Honda
- Penn State-State College -
Andrew Bachman
- Pepperdine (CA) - Sarah Jane Estepa
- Pittsburgh - Allison Souhrada
- Purdue (IN) - Kim Obergfell
- Radford (VA) - Keith Wilson
- Rider (NJ) - Daniel Palo
- Rochester Tech (NY) - Mila Le
- Roger Williams (RI) - Ana Barcelona
- Saginaw Valley State (MI) -
Kevin Finley
- San Francisco State - Cemre Yolveren
- San Jose State (CA) - Nathan Nguyen
- Savannah State (GA) -
Ebony Carter-Moore
- Siena (NY) - Travis Brodbeck
- South Carolina - Matthew Calcagno
- South Florida-St. Petersburg -
Nathalie Ascensao
- South Florida-Tampa -
Amanda Maldonado
- Southern Methodist (TX) -
John Shawkey

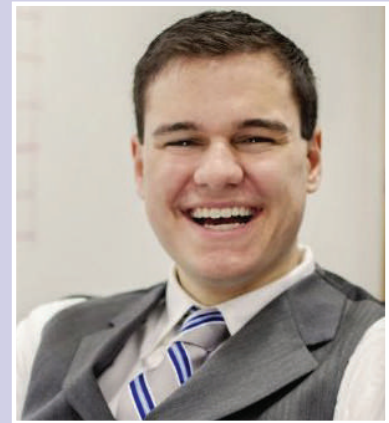
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Our Network of Positive Change

How quickly time flies! These past two years serving as your 2014 National Collegian of the Year have, by far, been some of the best memories I have to date. When I was first selected, I had a myriad of feelings pass through me: happiness, honor, and fear. I wanted to make sure I was contributing to our incredible organization, representing the collegiate voice for my brothers and working hard for our Fraternity.



After four board meetings, 11 LEAD events, dozens of phone calls, hundreds of handshakes and “all of the feels”, I am walking away with a life lesson I will never forget from my term as COY: *our organization is full of incredible people*. People who will drive hours through a snowstorm to attend their first LEAD event. People who would offer their couch to someone they have never met because they are in need. People who will spend countless hours working on proposals and drafting emails to make positive changes in our organization and communities. I know I’m not the only brother who has experienced this kind of sincere generosity.

All of this makes us unstoppable. It makes us a powerful force for positive change. Our support system is not only available to you, but is also created by you. I am thrilled to have had the opportunity to serve my brothers and I look forward to future opportunities to give back. You have each given me so much. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your 2014 National COY and for your hard work towards our incredible organization.

Fraternally,

Nick Rizzi, Denver
2014 National Collegian
of the Year
nick@nickrizzi.com



- Southern Mississippi -
Lawanda Cherry
- St. Cloud State (MN) -
Brikken Jensen
- St. Edward's (TX) -
Sophia Valdés
- St. Mary's (TX) -
Pedro Canizalez Ibarra
- St. Peter's (NJ) -
Mark Alano
- Syracuse (NY) -
Byron Delarosa
- Tampa - Donny Murray
- Tennessee -
Shahram Zarshenas
- Texas A&M-College Station -
Jesus Lara
- Texas A&M-Kingsville -
Pablo Portillo
- Texas-Arlington - Jose Angulo
- Texas-Austin -
Anjali Ahuja
- Texas Christian -
Madeline Mount
- Texas-El Paso -
Blanca Savusa
- Texas-San Antonio -
Megan Malisani
- Trinity-San Antonio -
Olivier Dardant
- Troy (AL) - Alexis Seymore
- Truman State (MO) -
Joseph Shaver
- Valparaiso (IN) -
Allyson Hofstede
- Virginia Tech -
Jonathan Wehausen
- Washington State -
Jordan Shaffer
- Washington-St. Louis -
Alexander Ranney
- Wayne State (NE) -
Gavin Friedrich
- West Florida - Cely-Ann Riera
- West Virginia - Sara Steffee
- Western Illinois -
Brendan Kane
- Western Kentucky -
Cody Cox
- Western Michigan -
Paul Roosa
- Wingate (NC) -
Laurie Nelson
- Winona State (MN) -
Danielle Cloutier
- Wisconsin-Madison -
Jennifer Lau
- Wisconsin-Milwaukee -
Sree Vikram Karri

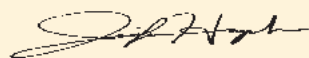
Huynh's BIG Dream Has Come True

Writing this letter as your 2016 National Collegian of the Year is a humbling honor. Having the opportunity to serve Delta Sigma Pi in this role is, literally, a dream come true. I could not think of a better way to give back to the organization that helped me grow personally, professionally and fraternally.

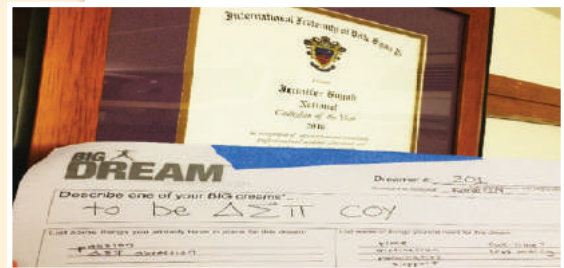
Delta Sigma Pi is an experience that altered the trajectory of my life. The idea of attending my first LEAD Provincial Conference in Hartford, Connecticut as a colonist made me feel incredibly shy. At that event, I forced myself out of my comfort zone to meet brothers from around the Northeastern Province. Later in 2013, I dove outside of my comfort zone again by attending my first Grand Chapter Congress. In Seattle, I realized my knack for meeting brothers outside of Gamma Upsilon, I've attended six national events since then. I've fallen in love with Delta Sigma Pi. This organization introduced me to inspirational mentors and friends, exposed me to amazing opportunities, and for that I am tremendously grateful.

My goals as 2016 COY surround themes of connection within the Fraternity for today, tomorrow, and years to come. I will continue to encourage collegiate and alumni connections through the world at all levels of our Fraternity. I will bring forth new ways to connect with each other through the use of Snapchat, YouTube, Anchor and more. Most of all, I pride myself on being friendly and approachable. As you see me at events, connect with me on social media, etc.--do not hesitate to reach out to me. Tell me about your experience with Delta Sigma Pi, your ideas, your BIG dreams, heck even send me cute pictures of chinchillas! I am excited to hear and connect with as many of you as possible.

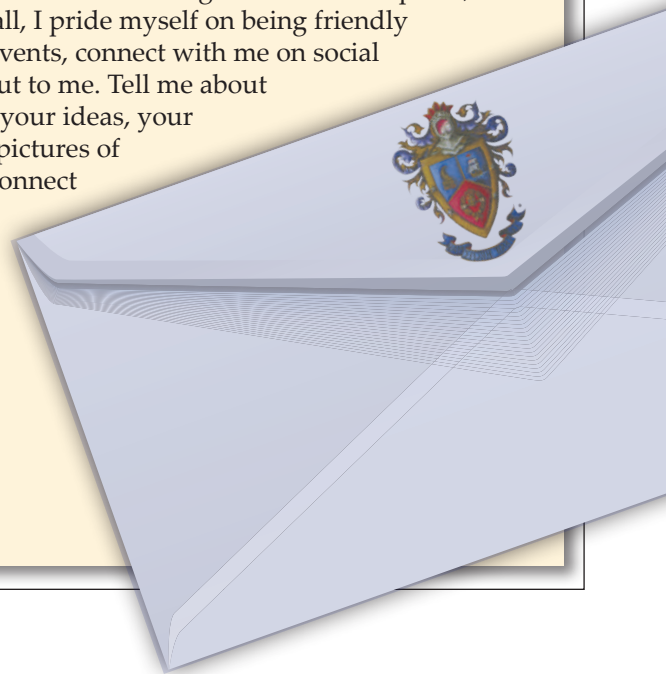
Fraternally,



Jen Huynh, *Babson*
2016 National Collegian of the Year
2016COY@dsp.org



Huynh attended Succeed Faster in 2014 thanks to a Leadership Foundation Scholarship and described being National COY as her dream.



Legislation for 2017 Grand Chapter Congress

Legislation passed at the Northeastern Provincial Council meeting to change the procedure for electing pledges (National Bylaws, Article XII Section 11) to move the announcement of favorable or unfavorable outcomes to the end of all voting and discussion. This Bylaw proposal went to all 2016 Provincial Council Meetings with mixed support and will now go to Grand Chapter Congress for consideration. ▲

Welcome ELCs Aly Rauen and Jeff Winther

Aly Rauen, *Bellarmino*, and Jeff Winther, *Grand Valley State*, began working at the Central Office as Educational & Leadership Consultants in June.

Aly is from northern Kentucky and was initiated in March 2013. She was named the 2015 Mid-South Regional COY and served as senior vp and president for Kappa Psi Chapter. Aly previously worked in communications at the Student Activities Center and interned for in.Mode Marketing. Brother Rauen earned the Presidential Achievement Scholarship and was involved on-campus with the Bellarmine Orientation Leadership Team and Homecoming Committee.

Jeff was initiated in April 2010 and he earned his degree in finance and international business. He has been recently working as a hospital auditor for BSI Healthcare Services in Grand Rapids. Jeff was a two-time COY for Lambda Xi and developed the chapter's first website while serving as webmaster. As fundraising chair, he implemented a golf tournament that generated over \$2,000 in profits and it is now an annual event. ▲



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR 2016

August 6-7

Leadership Foundation Trustee Annual Meeting-Chicago

August 11-12

Fraternity Board Meeting-St. Louis

August 12-14

National Volunteer Leadership Retreat-St. Louis

August 13

National Career Achievement Award Banquet honoring Julie Stackhouse-St. Louis

October 7-8

Grand Rapids (MI) LEAD School

October 14-15

Jacksonville (FL) LEAD School

October 21-22

Overland Park (KS) LEAD School

October 22

National Make A Difference Day

October 28-29

Denver LEAD School

November 4-5

Syracuse (NY) LEAD School

November 7

Founders' Day



Feline Rescue Inc. liked our organization's name so much they named three rescued cats Delta, Sigma and Pi. These brothers that share our namesake live in the Minneapolis-Saint Paul area. For adoption information please email outreach@felinerescue.org.



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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

CONGRATULATIONS to several thousand brothers who graduated this spring! As alumni, this graduation class will expose our network to more opportunities and take it to new heights. Keep them in the fold and extend a helping hand whenever possible. Congrats to all!



Northern Illinois graduates from left: Stephanie Aboutar, Chloe Pooler, John Nazorek, Emily Stevens, Cinthia Velasco, Jeff Kamholz, Marty Barrett, Anthony Nieszal, Jevonte Marshall and Derek Slaw.