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Celebrating 50 Years of the Collegian of the Year Program

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ANNOUNCING 2020 VIRTUAL LEAD SCHOOLS

We are excited to announce the 2020 LEAD Schools will now be held virtually due to circumstances surrounding COVID-19. These virtual events ensure the safety of our members while also allowing us to provide easier access to valuable education for all Deltasigs. Dates and details are still being finalized (as of 6/15), and will be available at dsp.org once available. The previously scheduled dates and locations below will not be taking place. If you booked hotel rooms, please call to cancel. Those who registered for the events will be refunded in full.

CANCELLED "LIVE" FALL LEADS

These dates and locations have been canceled. LEAD events will be held virtually. See above details.

October 9-10
Indianapolis
LEAD School

October 16-17
Tulsa (OK)
LEAD School

October 23-24
Orlando (FL) LEAD School

October 30-31
Boston/Burlington LEAD School

November 6-7
Salt Lake City LEAD School



COVID-19 ENVIRONMENT TASK FORCE

Delta Sigma Pi has created a task force of alumni and collegiate leaders to assess best practices in navigating the COVID-19 pandemic. The Task Force will develop scenario planning to assist in overcoming both short-term and long-term Fraternity operational challenges caused by university and community responses to COVID-19, which includes on-campus, virtual and hybrid scenarios. All Task Force recommendations of suggested scenarios will be considered by the Board of Directors. The Task Force will report to the National Organizational Development Committee Chair, Lisa Brown.

The following individuals have volunteered to lead the sub-committees listed below. Each Deltasig has contributed to the Fraternity through countless avenues and is a member of the Golden Council:

Chapter Operations

Kevin Gore, *Missouri-Kansas City*

National Events

Kris McDaniel, *Central Missouri*

Budget and Finance

Joe Ward, *Lewis (IL)*

Long-term Planning

Mark Chiacchiari, *Pennsylvania*

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Amanda Meeker, *Truman State (MO)*

Ritual

Claire Roberts, *San Francisco State*

THIS TIME IN HISTORY

10 years ago, the newest Central Office renovation was completed making the building more functional and accessible for all brothers. A gathering and ribbon cutting ceremony occurred on August 7. (2010)

15 years ago, Loyola-New Orleans, Nicholls State, and Holy Cross closed temporarily due to hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Loyola-New Orleans is the only one of those chapters active today. (2005)

25 years ago, Bill Schilling, *Lincoln-Nebraska*, became Executive Director. Thank you, Bill, for your 25 years of service to Delta Sigma Pi! (1995)

50 years ago, the \$100,000 "two wing" addition to Central Office was completed. The cornerstone was laid and a dedication occurred on August 14. (1970)

65 years ago, Jim Thomson, *Northwestern-Chicago*, becomes Executive Director. Jim originally joined staff in 1946 and served 18 years on staff in total. (1955)

100 years ago, the "Founders Meeting" was held in New York on February 10 to reorganize after WWI. It was called the "Founders Meeting" because all four Founders were present. (1920)

105 years ago, the Purpose was adopted. (1915)

Deltasigs Stand Strong

As our Fraternity celebrates the end of another academic year and the accomplishments of our members and chapters, we are still living in an unprecedented time where COVID-19 has created a next normal of physical distancing and virtual connection and where recent incidents across the U.S. have caused feelings of sadness, frustration, hopelessness, and anger throughout our membership and in our wider communities.

To this end, we are developing a plan of action for our Fraternity to operate strongly through the next academic year and a plan to improve our own internal diversity, equity, and inclusion education and practices. And although we understand our words may not lessen the current emotions, we are committed to taking the first step toward long-term change in our organization on behalf of our members and communities. For more information, visit our website at dsp.org/diversity.

While COVID-19 created an environment in which our chapters were unable to finish their academic year as planned and our seniors did not get the traditional graduation send off they so truly deserve, that did not stop our members from working hard to keep our chapters moving forward and to provide for their families and communities.

The stories that follow prove the strength of our members. These brothers inspire us to continue our work to further a higher standard for our members, our communities, and our organization as a whole. And although these are trying times, we have all learned to look for “the helpers”. As you read through these pages you will see how much there is to be proud of as Deltasigs.

We celebrate our 50 Collegians of the Year, noting many of these brothers continue on as “helpers”,

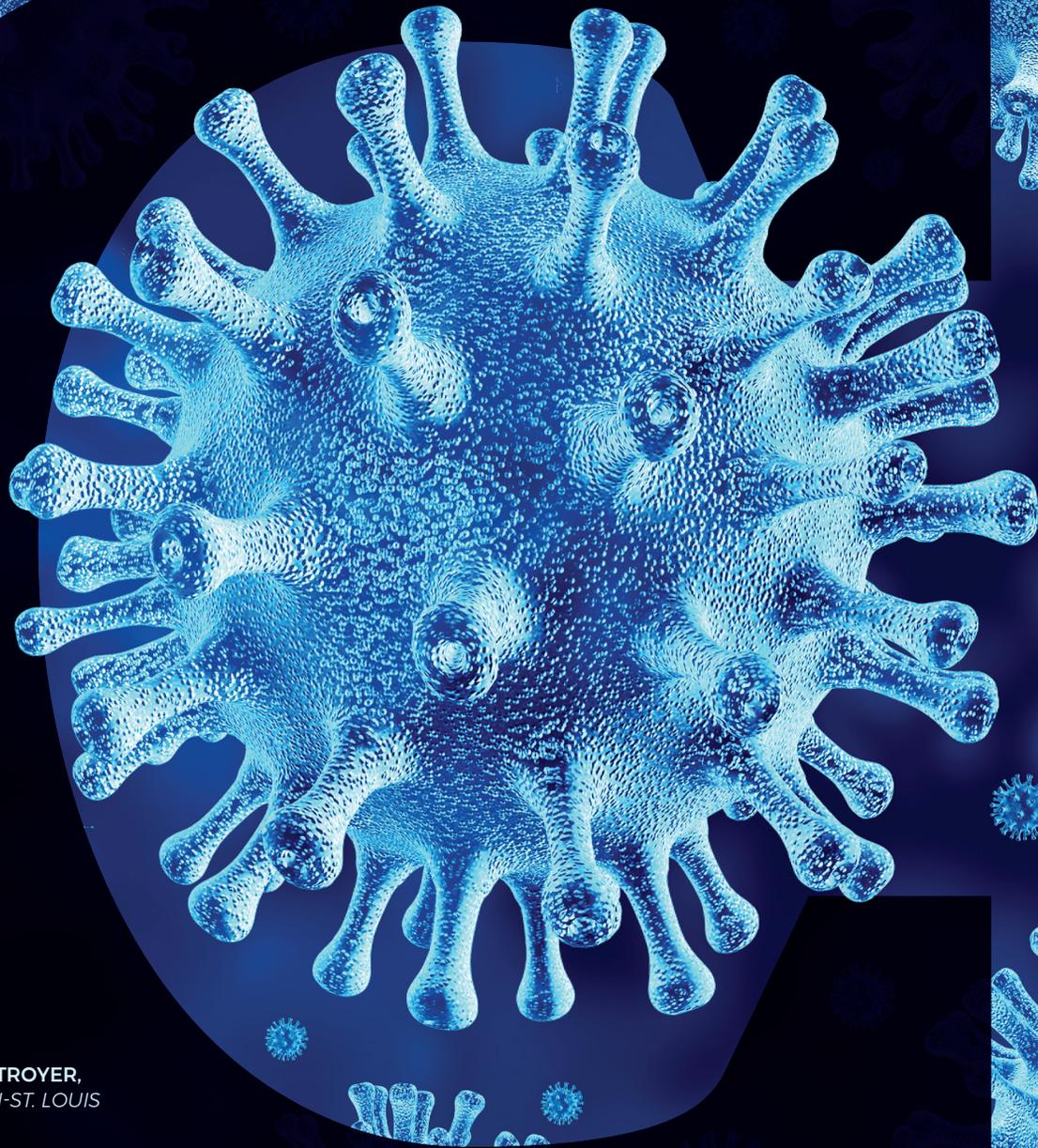
supporting Delta Sigma Pi long after serving their initial terms on our Board. We

also recognize a number of Helmet recipients for their long-term support of the Fraternity, including past National Collegian of the Year, PGP Mark Chiacchiarri. We reflect on a successful round of LEAD Provincial Conferences at the beginning of the year, and look forward to Grand Chapter Congress next summer when we can join together again to celebrate the bonds of brotherhood and the legacy of Delta Sigma Pi! We also get to learn about the great things our chapters are doing around the country, including how one chapter is on its way to raising \$75,000 for a beloved Wendy’s employee who lost his home to a fire.

That last story reiterates a lesson we have all learned over the past few months: don’t take anything for granted. While we cannot change the past, we can work to change tomorrow by being a positive force in our communities. We are lucky to have our Deltasig family to look out for us and help us get through difficult times. Thank those who have helped you and look for opportunities to pay it forward, if and when you are able.



Tricia Smith
Grand President



BY HEATHER TROYER,
WASHINGTON-ST. LOUIS

CHANGE.

Our last issue featured a lot about it.

In addition to a completely new design for the magazine, it also contained an article about how Delta Sigma Pi has changed over the years as it relates to pledge education, Ritual, hazing and online technology. We reviewed how the Fraternity has changed over its 113 year existence and although we have changed a lot over the past century, our core has remained the same.

All of this previous change, and the financial, organizational, and operational strength built over decades, helped enable us as an organization be better prepared to weather this unexpected environment.

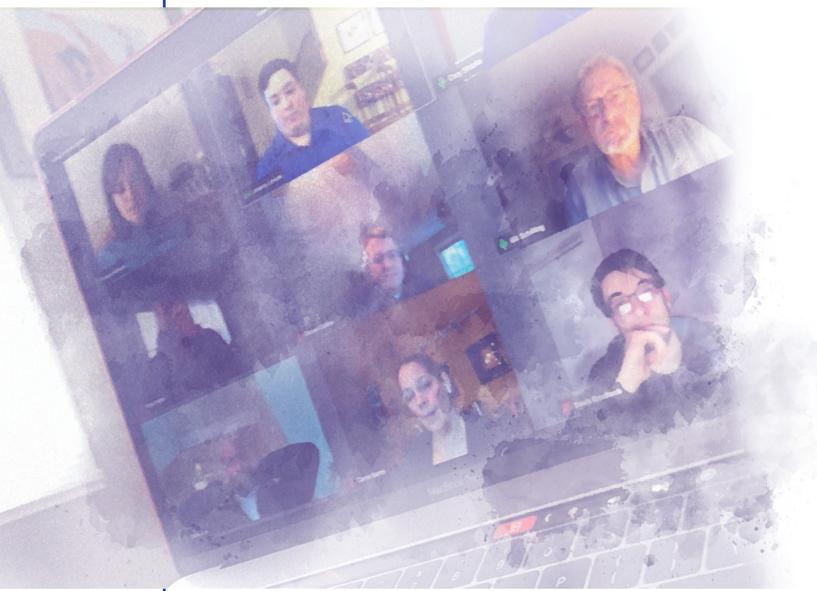
No life has been untouched by the situation and things continue to rapidly change. By the beginning of April millions of Americans were urged (or required) to stay home. Universities and K-12 schools have closed their campuses and buildings, moving all instruction online. Thousands of businesses, including our very own Central Office, were forced to close their facilities, sending a majority of our country's workforce to work remotely from home.

During the early weeks of this emergency health situation, Deltasig's Board of Directors was conferencing (at least) weekly to review the status of the organization to consider important decisions regarding how best to move forward. Some of the decisions made during the rapidly changing environment were:

- **MARCH 11:** After determining over 100 of our host campuses had closed, the Board used Emergency Powers, as provided by our Bylaws and Ritual, to direct staff to work with chapters to ensure a safe and efficient Initiation for pledges, including adjusting timing, location, pledge requirements, and ceremony deviation to limit physical contact, and allow for Initiation without the use of regalia until July 1, 2020. This was to ensure the health and wellbeing of our members. It was also decided to suspend all chapter visits for the immediate future.
- **MARCH 20:** The Board decided to automatically report collegiate pledges, who were on the chapter's roster at the time of their originally scheduled initiation, as initiated as of that date. At an appropriate time, once safe to do so, these new initiates will be provided an opportunity to participate in a traditional Initiation Ceremony.
- **MARCH 31:** The Board of Directors chose to suspend tiered recognition levels for the 2019-2020 Chapter Management Program year due to campus restrictions limiting chapters ability to complete required activities and to allow members to focus on remote studies and to minimize stress. No chapter would be penalized by this decision or for their ability or inability to complete additional CMP requirements for the remainder of the academic year. The awards program was also modified to be more accommodating including extending the deadline to June 30 and removing Chapter Management requirements.

Despite the severe and continuing challenges of the coronavirus, the Fraternity had some brothers on the front lines meeting those challenges in the early response weeks. We share some of these stories here.

In what soon became the norm for every walk of life, the Board of Directors has been regularly holding video conferences. The Coronavirus impact on remotely discussing business was, and will continue to be profound.





BROTHER SOTO DELIVERS THE GOODS

Golden Council member Tony Soto, *Cal State-Long Beach*, is working hard as a longshoreman at Port of Los Angeles/Long Beach to ensure necessary products (including toilet paper!) are being safely delivered throughout the United States and eventually getting to you. Longshoremen physically handle all the containers and cargo flowing through our ports, moving the goods between ships and trains. “Longshoring is and

has always been a dangerous job and many of us see the virus as an unfortunate new risk we need to try to mitigate,” said Tony. It is largely a team effort so they are doing their best to keep an appropriate social distance from others.

Tony worked 10 years in aerospace finance before changing careers to become a longshoreman. “My grandfather and dad were longshoremen so it is a bit in my blood.” Being a longshoreman gives Tony more control over his schedule and provides better benefits, which is important to him and his family, including wife Sara, *Cal State-Long Beach*.

“My sons are scouts in a Boy Scouts of America troop. I became heavily involved with their troop and the BSA motto ‘Be Prepared’ played a big role during this situation. We already seemed well prepared to have the family stay at home.” In addition to being prepared, Tony says that serving in various roles and leading many events as a Deltasig taught him how to better assess a situation, to stay calm and to deal with the issues the best he can.

A lesson Tony, and many of us, have learned is “to never take anyone, especially those who are close to you, for granted.” He continues to look for the silver lining and to help others, whether that is a phone call to lift someone’s spirits or supplying them toilet paper!

“Sara and I are very proud to be Deltasigs. We view the Fraternity as being our close family and are blessed knowing that we are here for each other in these challenging times.”

ST. THOMAS (MN) PRESIDENT CHARGES FORWARD

Katie O’Connor, *St. Thomas (MN)*, current chapter president, was a true inspiration to others while handling the Coronavirus situation. Before her university closed campus, she scheduled meetings with key officers and chapter members to create a plan for how her chapter would operate if and when the closure came. This plan allowed Nu Tau to continue with many activities and meetings, while also taking on larger projects able to be done away from campus.



Katie O’Connor, *St. Thomas (MN)*, (middle row, fourth from left) attended the North Central LEAD Provincial in Iowa City with her chapter members last spring.

BROTHER RAMOS SEES THE SILVER LINING



Maria Ramos, *Roger Williams (RI)*, known by some as our official Delta Sigma Pi Travel Agent, is co-owner and certified meeting professional for KM Event Productions, LLC where she specializes in planning meetings for associations and medical meetings. When stay-at-home orders started around the country, many of the face-to-face meetings she helped plan were canceled or turned into virtual events. “I had a major event scheduled for July 2020 cancel,” said Maria. “It’s a rare opportunity to be a part of this event, as it only happens every five years and brings

together over 50,000 people.” Many of the other events she was working on were also adjusted or turned into virtual events. “I’ve learned a lot about how to produce and manage webinars and live streaming.”

Her time as a Deltasig helped her assure her clients during this difficult time. She recalls “the days of leading chapter meetings and having to think on my toes with a professional demeanor.” She uses this skill today as she works with clients planning events that may or may not happen. “By relaying to them that I’m confident, knowledgeable, and keeping up with what is happening in the industry, I am giving them assurance that I’m advising them with their best interests in mind.”

Since Maria and her husband already worked from home, the biggest change for her personally was having her daughter home with them. Also, since she is not traveling for work and all extra-curricular activities were canceled, she fortunately has extra time for herself and her family. “The silver-lining is that we have dinner together as a family every night, we have more family time, and time to do projects around the house.”

Overall, the biggest lesson Maria has learned is to be adaptable to change. “We are in an uncharted territory right now. No one can predict how long this will last. We are finding ways to be versatile and continue to conduct business.” She also advises you not to be too hard on yourself. “It’s okay to be scared. It’s okay to tell your child ‘I don’t know’. We will bounce back.”

Read more about Maria on page 35 for being recognized as a Silver Helmet recipient.

The chapter’s plan included:

- ▲ Weekly virtual chapter and executive committee meetings
- ▲ Professional events and workshops including a personal branding workshop led by two local podcasters
- ▲ Service events, including writing letters to health care professionals and creating masks for first responders
- ▲ Brotherhood events such as a book club, digital workout classes, virtual game nights and more.

The students continued all of this while balancing online academics. “The University of St. Thomas did a really good job of integrating to online learning rapidly and effectively. I had great balance of two classes with modules that you can complete anytime during the week and then two courses where I logged on at the normal time and completed the lectures and group work in real time,” said Katie.

Everyone reacts differently to stress and stressful times. Katie urges brothers to reach out to others and not to be afraid to reach out for help yourself. “As a brotherhood, now more than ever, it is so important to be sticking up for our family.” She continued “Delta Sigma Pi has taught me the importance of brotherhood and I’ve really developed a community through Nu Tau and that bond is really what helped keep me sane during this quarantine. I am SO proud to be a Deltasig.”



Jones (second from left) is a time management master, working on her family's ranch in the Nebraska Sandhills, while furthering her education online.

NEBRASKA-LINCOLN BROTHER NAVIGATES REMOTE EDUCATION... ON HORSEBACK!

Shaylee Jones, *Nebraska-Lincoln*, is a business major, studying Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources. A 5th generation rancher at her family's cow-calf business, she discussed balancing remote studies and working on the ranch with KNEB, Nebraska's rural radio association.

During the "school year" Jones' day consisted of homework, online conferences, studying for online exams, and making time to assist with the family's business. According to her interview with KNEB, Shaylee's days consist of tagging newborn calves, helping neighbors with branding, moving cows/calves to new pastures on horseback, feeding cattle, and catching up on studies when she could.

While the transition was challenging for many, Shaylee is thankful for professors who were understanding throughout the process. That said, as with most, she talked about being eager to get back to school and her friends. "I was hoping classes wouldn't be canceled – as much as I love the thought of being home, I am a very routine person." ▲

A Great Promise

SOUTH CAROLINA BROTHERS TO RAISE \$75,000 FOR BELOVED CAMPUS FRIEND

BY **MEGAN ALLEN**,
COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST

A sacred phrase. Words that are spoken in the most important of circumstances and whose fulfillment speaks more to an individual's character than any other. Not to be broken; always to be valued.

"I promise."

MEET MALCOLM COLEMAN

Malcolm has had an astonishingly difficult year. One that most people never experience in a lifetime, let alone a 12 month span. From losing beloved relatives, to experiencing a devastating house fire on his 35th birthday, to dealing with all of it during a global health emergency working in the service industry... Malcolm describes his mindset and how he is able to make it through... "Never, EVER, give up."

Malcolm began his career at Wendy's five years ago, enjoying the business's close proximity to the University of South Carolina. Over the years, he has cultivated meaningful relationships with not only his co-workers and the citizens of Columbia, but the students

who frequent his establishment.

During this time, Coleman's positive attitude and genuine kindness has helped him pave a way for himself in the business. "I had no idea just being me made such a difference," says Malcolm. "I've learned there's nothing wrong with that. It's one thing to be valued for your hard work ethic, but it's another to be valued for who you are."

THE PROMISE

Enter Robert Caldaroni, South Carolina (pictured right), a business student who frequents the Wendy's near campus, and who over time developed a



friendship with Malcolm. "He really strives to make a connection with each and every student in a unique way. After going only two or three times he remembered my name and my order. He makes Wendy's feel like home." So the day Robert went in and noticed Malcolm wasn't himself, he knew he needed to check and make sure everything was ok. Little did he know, Malcolm had been living on a family member's couch for months while trying to move back home. Unfortunately, a lapse in insurance meant much needed repairs would not be covered.

"I pulled him aside and asked if he was ok. He let me know everything that had happened and it shocked me, because this was at least six months after the fact. It blew me away because his demeanor and the effort he put into his work, and his efforts to reach out to students never changed. He is incredibly selfless and doesn't want to put things on other people. I figured there had to be something we could do."

Robert looked to his Deltasig chapter for ideas on how to help. Ultimately, the group decided a GoFundMe would

be best. So on his way to an intramural basketball game, Robert stopped into Wendy's to get Malcolm's blessing for the fundraiser.

"Trying to cope from all that trauma, everything was wearing me down," says Malcolm. "I told Rob I was trying to keep my head above water and do what I had to do to survive. He told me that he wanted to help me. People make promises, or half-heartedly do something, but Robert has put his whole heart into this. The corporate world needs more men and women like Rob who are compassionate and kind and genuinely value hardworking, everyday people, especially now more than ever."

TAKING ACTION

A small team of Robert's Deltasig brothers assembled and began filming videos, creating promotional materials for the fundraiser, and talking to contractors. After getting a few bids and clearing the work with Malcolm and his mom, the total to fix the asbestos and fire damage came out to \$75,000.

Robert is quick to credit Alexis Braz, *South Carolina* (pictured right), who has dedicated many hours in helping the fundraiser, by taking pictures and videos and assisting in promotions.



"In the beginning we were doing grassroots marketing to students, faculty, and community members of Columbia," says Caldaroni. "That got us to \$5,000. We were just trying to get as much exposure as possible." After doing interviews with a few local papers, a student from another South Carolina university reached out and asked to cover the story on CNN. "She texted me that CNN had put up our article, and it was actually the main article on the news page," says Robert. The fundraiser jumped to \$17,000 in 12 hours. As of April 2020, the effort rose to nearly \$50,000.

While many fundraisers start out strong and eventually lose traction, Malcolm's

GoFundMe has been going strong now for a year, and Robert hopes to meet the goal and have house renovations begin in the next several months, with more interviews in the works to push them to the finish line.

"This is all Malcolm," says Robert.

"People say GoFundMe is a reflection of how you treat people, and this just goes to show how much Malcolm cares about his community." When scrolling through the comments from those who have donated to the fundraiser, that much is evident:

"Malcolm sounds like a guy I'd love to have as a neighbor."

"Malcolm shares something more precious than money with others."

"I met Malcolm years ago when he came in the library. He always brightened my day."

"The world, indeed, needs more Malcolms."

Indeed, it does.

#DSPSERVES

There is a community that envelopes every campus. The strongest institutions, it seems, are those that pride themselves in bettering their surrounding communities and making lasting impacts on those within it.

"I would say that's something Delta Sigma Pi stands for," says Brother Caldaroni. "Supporting the community and the people around you. The biggest resource a university has are the students. It's incredibly important. We are so fortunate. You're there to create value for other people's lives. When we get together, we can do really great things. I think at USC we have a great relationship between the university, faculty and the people that work for and around the university. Malcolm is a truly wonderful person to rally around."

For Deltasigs, service and community philanthropy are pillars in which our organization prides itself. And when a university and community create close bonds – great promises are kept.

To help Malcolm, please visit gofundme.com/f/mission-malcolm. ▲

ALABAMA BROTHERS RAISE MONEY FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

Alpha Sigma Chapter at the University of Alabama also utilized GoFundMe, supporting local businesses affected by the Coronavirus pandemic.

After classes moved to online learning and students left Tuscaloosa, brothers knew the impact that could have on local businesses, and wanted to help. "There are so many businesses that hold a special place in the students' hearts," says vice president-community service Caroline Lahey. "Locally run and other small businesses are really able to give students that personal care."

The GoFundMe was set up to raise \$5,000 for the Tuscaloosa Chamber of Commerce Small Business Relief Fund. The relief program, made possible by generous contributions of individuals, companies, foundations and government entities through Tuscaloosa and west Alabama, was created to help small businesses weather the storm and receive aid.

As of June 2020, a month after the fundraiser was created, the chapter had raised nearly \$1,000 toward its goal – a promising beginning. The chapter has promised to donate a minimum of \$2,000 in matching funds at the conclusion of the fundraiser.

👉 *In these extremely challenging pandemic times, many, many people are in need. We are confident many more instances of Deltasigs rising to serve these needs will be written.*

Thoughts from some Collegians of the Year (COY) Winners

1971 || ROBERT E. MATTHEWS, WAYNE STATE-NEBRASKA

"A group of us got together my sophomore year at Wayne State College and decided to do the work necessary to create a chapter on campus. The result was Eta Pi Chapter and I was proud to be Eta Pi #2. My business degree did not prepare me to chase bank robbers and kidnapers, to investigate Foreign Counterintelligence cases or to make cases against Organized Crime families in New York City. Serving in several offices of the Fraternity over the next few years, however, taught me a great deal about leadership. Those lessons served me well as a supervisor in the FBI. Gaining trust and respect, learning how to utilize the strengths and weaknesses of those you work with and leading by example are great lessons learned."

1979 || THERESA J. DREW, NORTHERN ARIZONA

"When I was selected as the first woman to receive the Undergraduate of the Year Award, I became a member of Deltasig's Board of Directors—a tremendous learning experience focused on corporate governance and working with diverse teams. One of my favorite memories was attending the 1981 Grand Chapter Congress at The Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, Michigan. It was at that Congress that I completed my two-year term on the Executive Committee and Board. The location is really magical: it's a step back in time. Even after ending my term, I remain active in Delta Sigma Pi because not only do I wholeheartedly believe in the purpose of Delta Sigma Pi, but I have made life-long friends in the Fraternity all over the country."

1986 || SUSAN A. PLASSMEYER, TRUMAN STATE (MO)

"I learned that despite my relative youth that my voice and vote were just as worthy of participation as any other national leader as long as I did my homework and took responsibility for my statements and votes. Don't wait to be asked or invited—in life or at work. Join, volunteer, offer assistance, speak up, be professional, help, do your homework, shoulder some of the load and do the grunt work with a smile."

1987 || WILLIAM E. NEWBURY, TRUMAN STATE (MO)

"I am currently Chair of the Department of International Business at Florida International University. After graduating from Truman State (then Northeast Missouri State), I had a Rotary Scholarship to study in Tasmania, Australia, where I spent part of my COY term. This gave me very early experience with "remote" work in an age prior to email availability, let alone the possibility of Zoom meetings!"

1998 || DAWN SWEAZEA, CENTRAL MISSOURI

"Being a Deltasig, and also COY, offered me opportunity after opportunity to grow into a business professional. I was able to facilitate training classes, speak in front of large groups and serve on the Board of Directors. All valuable lessons that built a foundation for where I am today. Currently, I serve as the state of Missouri's first ever state-wide director of talent acquisition. In this new role, I am helping transform the way we recruit talent across state of Missouri government. This includes modernizing all of our approaches, leveraging new technologies, as well as employer-branding efforts to help celebrate what makes the State of Missouri a premier employer, while being in service to our citizens."

1999 || MARK A. CHIACCHIARI, PENNSYLVANIA

"We had a ton of chapter installations occur during my term as COY, and I was fortunate to have a career that supported me traveling on weekends a lot. I had never attended a chapter installation prior to being COY, but I attended one early on and I was hooked. I'm not sure how many installations I ultimately attended as COY, but there were a lot. It has always been my favorite way of spending time with our membership, and to be able to spend the weekend with a handful of other volunteers and just the new chapter is special. You really get to see what the new chapter's culture is like and every campus is different and unique. The energy of the weekend is amazing as well. It was truly a privilege to work with my fellow COYs and the Grand President to celebrate these special events."

2000 || MELISSA EKERN CAMPBELL, ST. THOMAS (MN)

"I currently work as a controller for All In One Accounting, serving small businesses who do not need to employ a full-time accounting professional. Serving on the Board of Delta Sigma Pi gave me a lot of insight into what boards do and how they operate. Additionally, as one of the least experienced members of the Board, I was fortunate to have several wonderful mentors serving with me. These brothers taught me what effective, supportive mentoring looks like, and I hope that I also use that example as I mentor junior members of All In One's team."

2001 || BRANDON D. TREASE, WAYNE STATE-NEBRASKA

"I was awarded an undergraduate scholarship from the Leadership Foundation and the National COY program is supported through the Leadership Foundation so my passion as National COY was to promote the Leadership Foundation and to educate collegians on the importance of "giving back" once they became alumni. I developed a presentation on the importance of the Leadership Foundation and spoke about that (and how I had benefited) at every chance I got in front of Deltasigs. I later served as a Leadership Foundation Trustee; serving as President & Chairman for two years. Through serving in this capacity I was able to continue my passion of educating collegians on all the ways they could benefit from the Foundation while in school. My best memories from my time serving the Foundation included being able to announce scholarship winners at Grand Chapter Congress and present Regional & National COY recipients with their scholarships and pearl and ruby badges."



Collegian of
the Year (COY)
Program Turns

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UNDERGRADUATE OF THE Year 1971 Robert E. Matthews, a recent graduate of Wayne State College and a member of Eta Pi Chapter addresses the delegates during the 28th Grand Chapter Congress.

The Collegian of the Year (COY) program celebrated its 50th year in 2020. The program was established to recognize outstanding collegiate Deltasigs for outstanding fraternal, scholastic and philanthropic efforts.

Out of nearly 15,000 collegiate members annually, only one can be chosen as the National COY, the highest honor in Delta Sigma Pi that can be bestowed upon a collegian.

For a brother to be named a Collegian of the Year, they must first be nominated by their chapter, making them a chapter COY. Chapter COYs are then evaluated at a regional level, chosen by committees for each of the 31 regions. Each Provincial Scholastic Development and Awards Committee then selects a Provincial COY from the remaining pool and these five individuals become eligible for the National COY award as chosen by the national committee. The 31 members who were distinguished as the Regional COY were rewarded for their dedication to the

Fraternity through support from the Delta Sigma Pi Leadership Foundation. The Foundation awards scholarships and recognition totaling in excess of \$18,000 annually, made possible by the National COY Scholarship endowed by Sidney “Sparky” and Ruth “Buttercup” Sparks.

At the 28th Grand Chapter Congress in Pocono Manor, Pennsylvania, where Robert E. Matthews was presented the very first honor, the delegates also approved a Bylaws amendment providing the two most recent winners serve on the Board of Directors for a

two year term. This tradition continues today. At that time, the award was named the “Undergraduate of the Year”. It was at the 34th Grand Chapter Congress in Denver the award was renamed the Collegian of the Year so graduate students could be considered as candidates. This name change occurred four years after our first female, Teresa Drew, received the honor, being the first woman to join the Board of Directors. (Brother Drew was recognized in 2014 with Deltasig’s Career Achievement Award).

Out of nearly 15,000 collegiate members annually, only one can be chosen as the National COY, the highest honor in Delta Sigma Pi that can be bestowed upon a collegian. This year, Cody Vasquez, *Angelo State (TX)*, earned this title for exemplifying the spirit of Deltasig and perpetuating the ideals set forth in the Purpose of the Fraternity.

Brother Vasquez was chosen based on multiple criteria, including factors such as inter-chapter Fraternity events, degree of leadership exhibited in Delta Sigma Pi, scholastic aptitude and more. Vasquez will begin his two-year term on the Board of Directors in August and is eager to hit the ground running. “As the 2020 COY, there are multiple initiatives I plan to touch upon, but my main focus would be diversity within Delta Sigma Pi,” says Cody. “I want to assist with our commitment to diversity on the local and national levels. Having inclusion training at conferences or making recruitment material appealing to students of different ethnicities and backgrounds, are just some ideas I want to implement.” ▲

✦ REMEMBERING RUTH “BUTTERCUP” SPARKS

In January 2019, the Fraternity lost one of its greatest benefactors. Ruth “Buttercup” Sparks passed away at the age of 104.

Buttercup’s association with Delta Sigma Pi started when she and her husband, Sidney, *Texas-Austin*, better known as Sparky, began attending Grand Chapter Congresses. Sparky and Buttercup endowed the Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Sparks Fund in 1981 to provide scholarships to Collegians of the Year at the national, provincial and regional levels.

The Sparks continued to be involved with the Fraternity until Sparky’s death in 1996. Because of Sparky’s love of Delta Sigma Pi, Buttercup continued to stay in contact with the Fraternity, including attending local events and continuing to make donations in Sparky’s memory. In 2016, Buttercup made a transformational gift to Delta Sigma Pi to further support the Fraternity’s premier educational programs.

Sparky and Buttercup remain Delta Sigma Pi’s second-largest donors, eclipsing the Sustainer Level of lifetime giving.

The generosity of Buttercup has touched countless Deltasigs. Delta Sigma Pi is a better Fraternity because of the philanthropic commitment of Sparky and Buttercup.



The memorial service for Buttercup Sparks was held in San Antonio, Texas, where a group of Delta Sigma Pi brothers gathered to pay final respects. The group included (from left) Heather Ferguson, Tampa (FL); James “Duckie” Webb, Houston (TX); ED Bill Schilling; PGP Bill Tatum; grandson Eric Sparks, Texas-Austin; Emrick Wilson, Texas-San Antonio; 2020 COY Cody Vasquez, Jim Pendergrass, Southern Mississippi; and Vanessa García-Jiménez, Texas-San Antonio.

LOOKING BACK ON 50 YEARS OF DELTA SIGMA PI NATIONAL COLLEGIANS OF THE YEAR (COYs)

- 1971**
ROBERT E. MATTHEWS,
WAYNE STATE-NEBRASKA
- 1972**
CRAIG S. CHAPMAN, *WISCONSIN-MADISON*
- 1973**
CHARLES MURPHY,
VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH
- 1974**
CLIFFORD D. BRUNE, *SOUTH CAROLINA*
- 1975**
DONALD J. COOL, *GEORGIA STATE*
- 1976**
GUS W. SCHRAM III, *MCNEESE STATE (LA)*
- 1977**
MARC P. FRANSON, *DRAKE (IA)*
- 1978**
SCOTT A. WEBER, *ANGELO STATE (TX)*
- 1979**
THERESA J. DREW, *NORTHERN ARIZONA*
- 1980**
MARILYN D. FRANSON, *LOYOLA-NEW ORLEANS*
- 1981**
ALBERT S. GORDON, *ALBANY (NY)*
- 1982**
STEVEN P. RASCHE, *MISSOURI-COLUMBIA*
- 1983**
LINDA ALCHEH-KAPLAN, *ALBANY (NY)*
- 1984**
DWAYNE A. HOFFPAUIR, *LOUISIANA TECH*

✦ Letters from the 2020 and 2018 COYs

What a journey it has been! I remember picking up an application to join Delta Sigma Pi not knowing anything about the organization. I never realized it would be this impactful on my life and basically shape my entire college experience. Being part of Eta Theta Chapter at Angelo State (TX) was such an honor. I have never met people who are as passionate, loving, intelligent, and welcoming as my brothers, locally and nationally. I never imagined being part of such a huge fraternal family.

Being able to be on a team that led my chapter to greatness was a feeling like no other. Having such an amazing chapter advisor, Gayle Randall, and an amazing Fraternity brother and friend, Eryck Rodriguez, were two major additional factors. I followed in so many footsteps from previous brothers, made it my own, and can now leave a legacy for others to follow through with. Delta Sigma Pi made me a strong leader, and an even better person in general.

During my two-year term as National Collegian of the Year, there are many words of wisdom I want to give to my fellow brothers across the world. I hope my knowledge and advice help chapters in the future, but also brothers with their personal lives:

- **Attend National events like crazy!** Plan ahead to attend those conferences because they provide so much information about personal and professional development. However, networking with people is a definite benefit.
- **Don't be a manager; be a leader and a mentor.** Yes, rules are rules. But make sure you always have the bigger picture in mind for your members.
- **Stay true to your leadership style.** Always be open-minded, willing to adapt, and kind, but be true to who you are. Don't let other people tell you otherwise.
- **Have fun** and do the things you want to do in life!

I hope these few, but important, notes help brothers out there continue their fraternal service. There are so many people serving the Fraternity in so many ways.



From leading as chapter president to being a dedicated member, each and every one of us is part of the “bigger picture” of our organization. We are all working together to reach so many different goals. One of those goals is the betterment of the collegiate student.

I am very excited to start serving on the Board of Directors to be the voice of the collegiate members and be a part of accomplishing those goals. I will always be there for a brother in need, anytime, anywhere. Out of all of this, I am most excited to be able to meet you all, in person or through email. I cannot wait for what is to come!

Fraternally,

Cody Vasquez, San Angelo (TX)
2020 National Collegian of the Year
2020COY@dsp.org



Nearly seven years ago, I was surprised by how quickly nine weeks of pledging passed by, but today that sense of surprise is surpassed since my term as your 2018 National Collegian of the Year is coming to an end. It feels like I was just getting started, but it just confirms the case that you will lose track of time when you are having fun with your brothers.

My experiences as a National COY were nothing like what I expected when my selection was announced and yet the past two years have been the most rewarding moments since I was initiated. Whether I was sharing collegiate concerns during a Board meeting, attending an installation, or building new friendships with brothers across all provinces, I enjoyed the entirety of it all. My term as your 2018 National COY has been busy with countless conversations, 11 LEAD events, nine session presentations, four Board meetings, three chapter reactivations, two chapter installations, one Grand Chapter Congress, and one Presidents' Academy. I always received warm welcomes by brothers who were meeting me for the first time, but within a few minutes it seemed like we had known each other for years.

Our shared Purpose to further a higher standard of commercial ethics and culture and the civic and commercial welfare of the community is the glue that binds and bolsters our brotherhood. From the Central Office staff down to the pledge class, we serve collaboratively, creatively, and cheerfully and in doing so we build our array of assets by challenging our comfort zones.

As this chapter closes and I turn the page to the next in my Deltasig career, I anxiously await continuing my service as a District Director and alumni chapter officer so I can prepare myself for the next opportunity to serve Delta Sigma Pi as a volunteer leader.

I am thankful for all the lessons learned, sharpened skills, and memories made, but I am most thankful for my passionate predecessors and my spectacular successors. It has been both a privilege and an honor to serve as your 2018 National COY.

This is not goodbye, but instead this is like the German phrase "Auf Wiedersehen" meaning until we see each other again.

Fraternally,

Travis Brodbeck, Siena (NY)
2018 National Collegian of the Year
2018COY@dsp.org

1985
KAREN GRATZA, TRUMAN STATE (MO)

1986
SUSAN A. PLASSMEYER, TRUMAN STATE (MO)

1987
WILLIAM E. NEWBERRY, TRUMAN STATE (MO)

 Karen Gratza (1985), Susan Plassmeyer (1986) and Bill Newburry (1987) were all from the same chapter—iota Nu at Truman State (MO).

According to Susan, "Karen was a terrific role model and friend to me as I started at the university. Bill was (and is!) my little brother when he pledged so we were very close through our time at Truman. I was very lucky because I was in the middle and my fellow COYs each year were already my friends. We also remain in touch. Karen and I road tripped a few years ago to the Truman campus for a celebration and Bill and I stay in touch throughout the year. He has texted me from locations all over the world as he travels for his work."

Bill confirmed, "Although I live in Florida now, [Susan and I] email or text frequently - sometimes from very interesting places. She emailed me last fall from a trip to Colombia, while I remember texting her on a high-speed train from Beijing to Shanghai not long ago."

1988
MATTHEW S. LEVIN, CALIFORNIA-BERKELEY

1989
CHRIS E. ROBINETT, NEBRASKA-LINCOLN

1990
PRESCOTT H. ASHE, CALIFORNIA-BERKELEY

1991
FREDERICK M. DEMOPOULOS,
CAL STATE-FULLERTON

1992
ANNE C. RACKERS, CENTRAL MISSOURI

1993
APRIL G. DIEHL, TEXAS A&M-COLLEGE STATION

1994
L. PAIGE TURNES KERR, LONGWOOD (VA)

✦ COYs by Chapter/Region

**Regional recognition with region noted in parenthesis and bold*

Akron (OH) – Allison Muntin

***Angelo State (TX) (Southwestern) – Cody Vasquez**

***Arizona (Desert Mountain) – Jesus Bustillos**

Arizona State – Annabelle Usoro

Babson (MA) – Bahram Tavakoli

Bellarmine (KY) – Trent Thompson

Bryant (RI) – Lloyd Ellison

***Cal Poly–Pomona (South Pacific) – William Tran**

Cal Poly–San Luis Obispo – Daniel Gonzalez

Cal State–Chico – Leidy Huaynate Orihuela

***Cal State–East Bay (Bay Area) – Nia Williams**

Cal State–Fresno – Lucy Moua

Cal State–Fullerton – Theresa Ramirez

Cal State–Long Beach – Elizabeth Cole

Cal State–Northridge – Armen Yessaian

California Lutheran – Sandy Nguyen

California–Irvine – Eugen Xie

California–Merced – Rosalba Garcia

California–Riverside – Bhushan Patel

California–San Diego – Anushri Jain

California–Santa Barbara – Emily Yee

Capital (OH) – Mackenzie Myers

Central Florida – Hanan Maswadeh

Central Missouri – Rachel Pfleiderer

Chapman (CA) – Cathryn Javier

Cincinnati (OH) – Jacob Knapke

Cleary (MI) – Tessa Klueger

Clemson (SC) – Megan Quinan

***Colorado State (Rocky Mountain) – Catherine Goolsby**

Colorado–Boulder – Scott Beck

Colorado–Colorado Springs – Alison Lloyd

Concordia (CA) – Avery Casteel

Denver (CO) – Tatum Van Willingham

DePaul (IL) – Crystal Vu

Drake (IA) – Megan Taggart

Drexel (PA) – Tina Wang

Eckerd (FL) – Daniel Phillips

Florida – Ajay Dayal

Florida Atlantic – Gabriela Bohorquez



Florida Southern – Alexandra Wardell

***George Washington (Capital) – Nikolai Bottitta**

Georgia College & State – Aleigha Sams

Grand Valley State (MI) – Andrew Jackson

Hawaii–Manoa – Jordan Snow

***Indiana State (Central) – Sarah Padan**

Indiana–Bloomington – Julia Howell

Indiana–Purdue at Indianapolis – Hanna Brown

Iowa State – Ellen Ennett

***Jacksonville State (AL) (Central Gulf) – Ashley Suplicki**

Jefferson–East Falls (PA) – Caroline Tuman

Kansas – Kara Henry

La Salle (PA) – Jordan Patterson

La Verne (CA) – Andrea Mujica

Lewis (IL) – Victoria Brier

***Lindenwood (MO) (Gateway) – Sierra Johnson**

Louisiana Tech – Kaylea Sepulvado

Loyola–Marymount (CA) – David Gutierrez

Lynchburg (VA) – Virginia McArtor

Marquette (WI) – Tara Leuenberger

Marshall (WV) – Lydia Bunner

Maryland–College Park – Amanda Shanab

Massachusetts–Amherst – Samir Ati



1 / Cody Vasquez, Angelo State (TX), was named 2020 National COY at the South Central LEAD Provincial Conference in Dallas. GP Tricia Smith (left) and South Central PVP Mark Wernette presented the award. 2 / Catherine Goolsby, Colorado State, with Western PVP Crystal Justice (right) and 2018 COY Travis Brodbeck. 3 / Nikolai Bottitta, George Washington (DC), with Northeastern PVP Dan Collins (left). 4 / Donald Williams Jr., Mercer (GA), and Southern PVP Carrie Burns at a Roaring '20s themed banquet.



- McNeese State (LA) – Alyssa Hoag
- *Mercer (Southeastern) – Donald Williams, Jr.**
- Miami (FL) – Ana Colicchio
- Miami–Ohio – Emily Leach
- *Midwestern State (TX) (Tornado Alley) – Amanda Threlkeld**
- Minnesota – John Streed
- Missouri State – Kaitlynn Kaminski
- *Missouri–Kansas City (Midwestern) – Erica Rodriguez**
- Missouri–St. Louis – Emily Hecht
- *Nebraska–Omaha (Great Plains) – Alison Raszler**
- Nevada–Reno – Allison Welch
- New Mexico – Jordan Staveley
- New Mexico State – Jose Ramirez
- North Carolina–Greensboro – Caroline Gagen
- North Florida – Roguens Stinvil
- North Texas – Amanda Nedrow
- Northeastern (MA) – Robey NeJame
- Northern Arizona – Amber Dalglish
- Northern Colorado – Kaitlyn Garcia
- Northern Illinois – Jenna Morgan
- *Ohio (East Central) – Ian Koenig**
- Oklahoma – Kennedy Pipkin
- Oklahoma State – Emily Eckert

1995
BOYD J. PEDERSON,
WESTERN STATE COLORADO

1996
MIKE MITCHELL,
WASHINGTON-ST. LOUIS

1997
RICHARD D. FOSTER,
CENTRAL MISSOURI

1998
DAWN SWEAZEA,
CENTRAL MISSOURI

1999
MARK A. CHIACCHIARI,
PENNSYLVANIA

2000
MELISSA EKERN CAMPBELL,
ST. THOMAS (MN)

2001
BRANDON D. TREASE,
WAYNE STATE-NEBRASKA

2002
KEVIN J. MCLEAN, DRAKE (IA)

2003
JASON C. GRIFFITHS,
PENN STATE-ERIE

2004
STEPHANIE A. MENIO,
PITTSBURGH

2005
DAVID L. GLANZROCK,
ARIZONA STATE

2006
JASON D. CAMPBELL,
PENN STATE-ERIE

2007
VICTORIA FRANTZ COFFMAN,
PENN STATE-STATE COLLEGE

2008
ASHLEY (HENRY) MCCORMICK,
DRAKE (IA)

2009
BURTON B. BRIDGES,
CHRISTIAN BROTHERS (TN)

2010
JENNY LOUIE (TERBROCK),
CHRISTIAN BROTHERS (TN)

2011
CODY SILVA
MIYASHIRO-CARVALHO,
LOYOLA MARYMOUNT (CA)

2012
CODY CANDEE,
WISCONSIN-MADISON

2013
RICHARD BRANDT,
TAMPA (FL)

2014
NICOLAS J. RIZZI,
DENVER

2015
CHAD A. ROBINSON,
ST. CLOUD STATE (MN)

2016
JENNIFER HUYNH,
BABSON (MA)

2017
OLIVIA J. MALICE,
EORGIA COLLEGE AND STATE

2018
TRAVIS BRODBECK,
SIENA (NY)

2019
KRISTEN WILHELM,
LINDENWOOD (MO)

2020
CODY M. VASQUEZ,
ANGELO STATE (TX)

**COYs by Chapter/
Region (continued)**

- *Pacific (CA) (Sierra Nevada) – Jennifer Guise
- *Penn State-Erie (Steel Valley) – Austin Johnson
- *Penn State-State College (Eastern) – Samuel Ross
- Pepperdine (CA) – Everett Boudrieau
- Pittsburgh (PA) – Colin Jones
- Purdue (IN) – Marissa Krueger
- Radford (VA) – Hermela Sambu
- Redlands (CA) – Dylan Carlyle
- *Rhode Island (New England) – Mohamed Chamseddine
- Rider (NJ) – Samantha Gambino
- *Rochester Tech (NY) (Niagara) – Justin Allen
- Rockhurst (MO) – Brandt Callahan
- *Rutgers-Newark (NJ) (Empire) – Sophia Greene
- Saginaw Valley State (MI) – Lyndsey Schirle
- Saint Louis (MO) – Malaney Papke
- San Diego – Sarah Goh
- *San Diego State (Pacific Coast) – Daniel Kelly
- *Savannah State (GA) (Atlantic Coast) – NaTaijah Williams
- Shepherd (WV) – Noah Hertert
- South Carolina – Jackson Trotter
- South Dakota – Victoria Tobin
- *South Florida-St. Petersburg (South Atlantic) – Jessica Baugher
- South Florida-Tampa – Nicole Weinkauff
- Southern Illinois-Edwardsville – Courtney Ellis
- St. Cloud State (MN) – Natalie Perry
- St. Edward’s (TX) – Maria Junca
- St. John Fisher (NY) – Anthony Kousmanidis
- *St. Thomas (MN) (North Central) – Katherine O’Connor
- Stony Brook (NY) – Vanessa Deng
- Tampa (FL) – Lydia Scheer
- *Tennessee (Mid-South) – Kenzie Carlson



Braden Sim, Valparaiso (IL), with North Central PVP Cory Stopka (right) and Great Lakes RVP Nicole Orlando.

- *Texas A&M-Kingsville (Gulf Western) – Briana Rodriguez
- Texas Christian – Jacob Alley
- Texas Tech – Mallory Langseth
- Texas-Arlington – Joseph Martinez
- Texas-Dallas – Miranda Mendez
- Texas-El Paso – Sandra Ganem
- Texas-San Antonio – Aashish Dhammani
- Trinity-San Antonio (TX) – Manveena Singh
- Truman State (MO) – Aren Buresh
- *Tulane (LA) (Gulf South) – Julia Bessen
- *Valparaiso (Great Lakes) – Braden Sim
- *Virginia Tech (Mid-Atlantic) – Luke Voivoda
- Washington-Bothell – Madeline Tuley
- *Washington-Seattle (Pacific Northwest) – Erin Nieuwenhuis
- Wayne State-Nebraska – Jayme Dubas
- West Florida – Andrew Stoker
- West Virginia – Allison McCardle
- Western Illinois – Jacob Hensley
- Western Kentucky – Taylor Cuthbertson
- *Western Michigan (Huron) – Thomas Mahfiet
- Wingate (NC) – Tyauna Bailey
- Winona State (MN) – Vivica Rosenberg
- Wisconsin-Madison – Rachel Zimdars
- Wisconsin-Milwaukee – Tyler Junk



✦ 2016 COY

Jen Huynh Recognized

The 100 Women of Color Gala & Awards celebrates the power of family, friends and community, honoring the past, present and future. The gala recognizes the contributions that women in business, education, entrepreneurship, entertainment and service have made to impact the lives of those throughout their community including Connecticut and western Massachusetts.

Created by motivational teacher and best-selling author June Archer, with support for his non-profit Concerned Citizens for Humanity, the gala supports programs and scholarships for the advancement of young women of color. Contributions allow the promotion of healthy living and funding to cervical and breast cancer research.

Nominated by a co-worker from Pratt & Whitney, where Huynh is senior associate, procurement: account specialist – HSMC, she was recognized for the outstanding achievements she has made professionally, philanthropically and fraternally:

- *Serving as President of the INROADS Employee Resource Group*, a program at her company helping interns to grow professionally. In 2019, she spear-headed programming expansion across the U.S., including re-branding efforts and managing a team to execute these efforts.
- *Raising \$2,500 for the Connecticut chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and being recognized as one of 25 honorees for 2019 Hartford's Finest Awards.*
- *Holding a volunteer leadership role with the Asian American Leadership Forum (AALF) Employee Research Group at Pratt & Whitney.*
- *Sitting on the Delta Sigma Pi Board of Directors as the 2016 National Collegian of the Year, serving as District Director, Provincial Chair and now New England Regional Vice President.*

When asked about the recognition, Huynh said, "I'm particularly excited about this award because diversity and inclusion are my passions and this award recognizes that." ▲

DEVELOPING TEAMS WITH DIVERSITY, INCLUSION, AND UNDERSTANDING IN MIND

Get to know your team and engage where you can. Whenever you have the opportunity, ensure there's time to get to know the people you work with. The team can build trust and understanding by genuinely learning about each individual, their cultural and family background, and what interests they have outside of work.

Understand the diversity of working styles and how they impact the team. Whether it's different leadership, communication, or goal-setting styles, understanding what works best for each person may help when driving individual growth and success. As a leader, having the ability to adapt to these styles can improve relations on your team.

Encourage diversity of thought on your teams. While in team conversations, ask for opinions of the whole group when possible. Holding one-on-one conversations with team members will allow them to contribute value insights even if not in the larger group. Diversity of thought and inclusion of new perspectives powers innovation.

Find a mentor, and serve as one when possible. Having a mentor, especially one with similar background and interests, can make all the difference. Be a mentor in return to someone else. Representation matters and you can help guide someone too!

Build a bench. If in a position to build or hire a team, consider having diverse perspectives and backgrounds to advance new ideas. If there is someone you see potential in, tell them, offer to mentor if available, and let them know they are valued.



In the March 2020 issue, we showed you places to check out during your time in Cleveland while attending Delta Sigma Pi's 53rd Grand Chapter Congress. With the event about a year away, and many Deltasigs beginning to plan their itineraries, we wanted to share with you the places that our "Deltasig insiders" recommend! We asked brothers who call the Cleveland area home to share with us their favorite hidden gems and tips for getting around.

Areas that stood out as a whole include: **Ohio City**, **Tremont** and **The Flats**. Ohio City is a popular dining and entertainment hub located on the main strip of West 25th Street downtown. Fashionable vegan bistros, farm-to-table restaurants, breweries and West Side Market can all be found here. Tremont is an artsy neighborhood, with gourmet bistros and coffee shops, art galleries and boutiques. Visitors enjoy the neighborhood's distinct, beautifully restored Victorian homes, the Slavic-style church and of course, the "A Christmas Story House." The Flats is a re-developed area on the Cuyahoga River, which is best known for its bustling nightlife, live music and comedy. You can also take a water taxi from one side of the river to the other!



Cleveland Can't Miss List

1 \ CLEVELAND METRO PARKS clevelandmetroparks.com

"There is an approximately 100 mile trail called the Emerald Necklace that starts in a metro park on the west side of Cleveland and winds all the way below and across the East. Cuyahoga Valley National Park is also a gem. Growing up here, I always figured that parks are everywhere in the world. Having lived in two other cities, I now realize how lucky we are in Northern Ohio." – *Past Grand President Mark Chiacchiari*

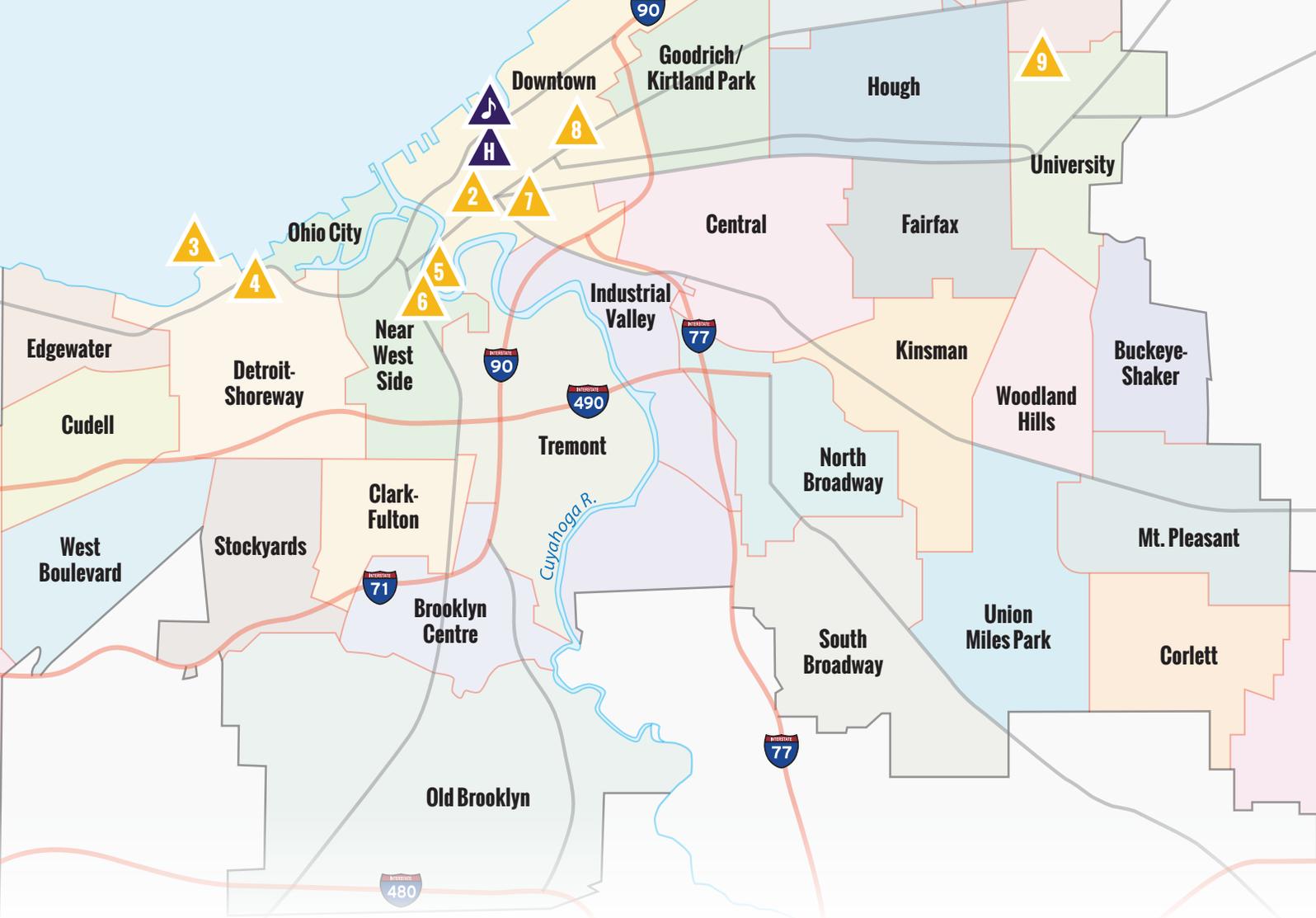
2 \ CAMPBELL'S SWEETS FACTORY 424 W Superior Ave.

"One of my favorite places with two locations (one downtown and one

in Ohio City) is Campbell's Sweets Factory. They have an entire line of sweet and savory gourmet popcorn, hand dipped chocolates, fresh baked cupcakes, gifts and more. The many popcorn flavors are the best." – *Sam Shaheen, Akron (OH)*

3 \ LAKE ERIE

"Lake Erie is a wonderful Cleveland asset and you'll enjoy stunning views of the lake from the Hilton. There are options nearby for boat charters, kayaking, paddle boarding, and of course jet skiing. A few vendors are Great Lakes Watersports, North Coast Harbor and River Cruiser Kayaking (which offers guided tours as well)." – *Ginnie Lowers, GCC Host Committee Chair*



4 \ BREWNUTS
6501 Detroit Ave.

“Brewnuts is a great place for homemade donuts and some great brews! Platform brewing is also a great brewery!” - *Leighton Rosendale, Kent State (OH)*

5 \ MERWIN'S WHARF - DINE ON THE WATERFRONT
1785 Merwin Ave.

“Merwin’s Wharf is a great place for food and views! Also be sure to get out of the city and visit the Metro Parks – there are waterfalls in Ohio!” - *Grand President Tricia Smith*

6 \ MITCHELL'S ICE CREAM
1867 W 25th St.

“If you reserve ahead of time you can book a tour (available

on Saturdays) to see how they make the ice cream. The West Side Market is right next door!” - *Reilly Burke, Kent State (OH)*

7 \ BARRIO TACOS
503 Prospect Ave. E

“Barrio is always a great place to get tacos – one of the most loved taco places in Cleveland!” - *Chelsea Bell, Kent State (OH)*

8 \ PLAYHOUSE SQUARE
1501 Euclid Ave.

playhousesquare.org
“For Deltasigs wanting to enjoy a live play, Playhouse Square and its numerous theatres in Cleveland, the Akron Civic Center and EJ Thomas Performing Arts Hall in Akron are possibilities. The

Playhouse Square has Broadway traveling shows, as well as some local ones.” - *Alan Brunton, Akron (OH)*

9 \ UNIVERSITY CIRCLE
 (“OHIO'S MOST SPECTACULAR SQUARE MILE”)

“University Circle area [home to world-renowned museums, prestigious universities, nationally recognized hospitals, restaurants and more] is where the Cleveland Clinic and University hospitals are, and only a 10-minute ride from the hotel.” - *Mike Losneck, Akron (OH)*

 **ROCK & ROLL HALL OF FAME**
1100 E 9TH ST.

 **GCC HOTEL (HILTON CLEVELAND DOWNTOWN)**
100 LAKESIDE AVENUE EAST

Empowering Tomorrow's Leaders: 2020 LEAD Provincial Conferences



DELTA SIGMA PI LEADERSHIP FOUNDATION MILESTONES

The following donors to the Delta Sigma Pi Leadership Foundation were recognized for reaching milestones of giving:

CORNERSTONE (\$5,000 - \$9,999)

Conchita Dixon, *Penn State-Erie*
Luke Shanks, *North Texas*

ENTREPRENEUR (\$10,000 - \$24,999)

Shane, *Central Florida*, and
Sylvia Borden, *Atlanta*

BENEFACTOR (\$25,000 - \$49,999)

Chuck, *San Diego*, and
Lisa Brown, *Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo*
Shawn and Jeanne
Gregory, both *Tampa (FL)*

FIFTH FOUNDER (\$50,000 - \$99,999)

Eddie, *Miami-Florida*, and
Jacqueline Stephens,
Florida Atlantic

Five cities – Jacksonville, Baltimore, Denver, Iowa City and Dallas. Hundreds of lives transformed to go forward and make a difference in this curious world.

The 2020 LEAD Provincial Conferences occurred in the nick of time – before the country became quiet and millions joined together (but apart!) to put differences aside and show the best of humanity.

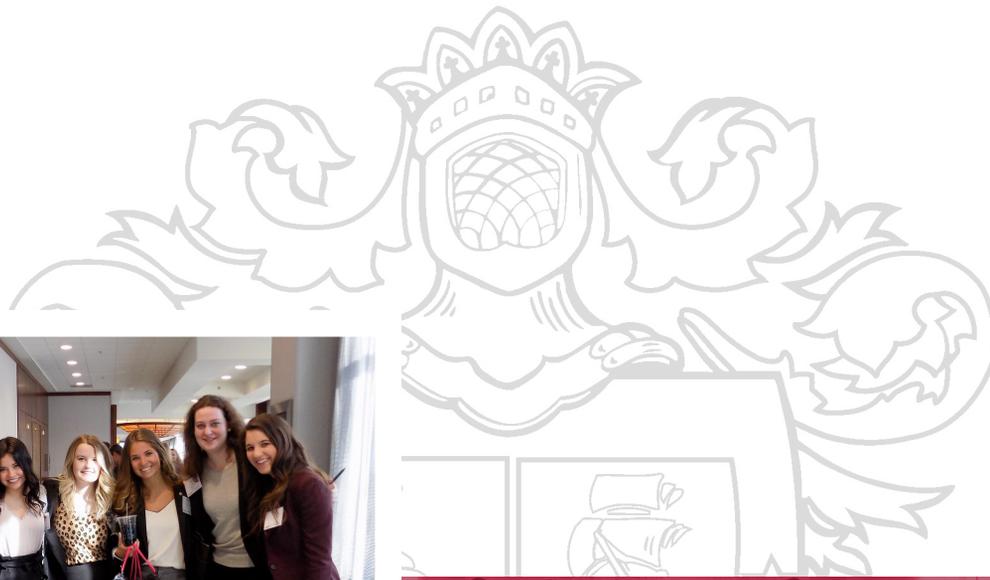
While at that time everything seemed business as usual, in retrospect, seeing the “helpers” of the world reminds us very distinctly why we invest so much in shaping and empowering tomorrow’s leaders.

At LEAD, brothers are given the unique opportunity to network with those from other chapters and exchange helpful advice and build a support system of those with shared/differing interests. They also took part in some Roaring 20’s themed events, inspiring and thought provoking keynotes from professionals across the country working in their fields of interest. Session topics included: The Power of Positive Thinking, Member Engagement to Meet Chapter Goals, Making LinkedIn Work for You, Formulate Your Future and Overcoming the Fear of Public Speaking.

Brothers also had the opportunity to engage with Delta Sigma Pi career partners. Partners in attendance included: alliantgroup, Ascent, Enterprise Holdings,

GEICO Careers, IES Internships and The Fund For American Studies.

As we’ve seen over the past several months... the nation relies on the “helpers.” At each event, chapters served local Ronald McDonald House Charities by dropping off pop tabs and other wish list items, making a large impact for Delta Sigma Pi’s national service initiative. Additional service opportunities were also hosted, including gift card drives and a clothing drive for nearby shelters. Brothers were also recognized for their outstanding achievements, including our Collegians of the Year (see page 12) and Helmet awards (see page 33).



1 \ XAVIER (OH) brothers Anna Gillespie and Juliana Riva enjoyed their time at the Northeastern LEAD in Baltimore. **2** \ ANGELO STATE (TX) brothers collected pop tabs and wish list items during the South Central LEAD Provincial Conference to donate to the Dallas Ronald McDonald House. **3** \ National events give brothers the opportunity to purchase Fraternity merchandise in-person from chapters and Deltasig partners such as Mecca Specialties. **4** \ Collegians of the Year were recognized at each conference. Pictured from left: Western Province Alumni Development Chair Isha Dedhia, Steven Barillas, California-Merced, and Allison Welch, Nevada-Reno. **5** \ ST. THOMAS (MN) Brothers at the North Central LEAD in Iowa City. From left: Jordyn Brown, Blake Botsky, Belle Gallagher, Whitney Shea, Madison Dorau, Erin Kehoe and Alexa Wedig. **6** \ CHICAGO brothers were presented their charter, after being reinstalled last fall. From left: Great Lakes RVP Nicole Orlando, Julie Jaipati, Fredericka Paulson, Audra Berg, and North Central PVP Cory Stopka.

Be sure to check out the 2020-21 schedule – we hope to reunite with you at an upcoming event near you! ▲



7 \ Northeastern Province leadership enjoyed a Roaring 20's themed banquet. From back left: Niagara RVP Rob Fosdick and East Central RVP James Kuhn. From middle left: Steel Valley RVP Kyra Cahill, Empire RVP Charles Weening, Capital RVP Monica Monroe, PVP Dan Collins, Eastern RVP Nick Brown and Awards Chair Sean Rosney. From front left: Professional Development Chair Kelsey Stuart, New England RVP Jen Huynh and Community Service Chair Liz Doody. **8** \ Deltasig partnered with Ascent, a company offering scholarships and student loans to Deltasigs. Pictured are Alexis Juarez, San Diego State, and Casey Miller. **9** \ LEAD events allow alumni to network with leaders and other alumni in their area. Pictured at the South Central LEAD, from left: Sara Casey, North Texas, Southwestern RVP Josh Robinson, Dustin Casey and Lainie Crenshaw, both Midwestern State (TX). **10** \ GP Tricia Smith (fifth from right) and Northeastern PVP Dan Collins (second from left) presented Omega Chi at Drexel (PA), installed July 2019, its charter.



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1 \ DALLAS AREA organized a tour of the Dallas Cowboys Star training facility in March, inviting brothers attending the South Central LEAD Provincial Conference to join.

2 \ COLORADO-BOULDER celebrated its seniors (from left): Ian Silverman, Amy McNulty, Lauren Davine, Sydney Busser and Jacob Heller.

3 \ HAWAII attended the initiation for **HAWAII-HILO**. Chapter Advisor Helen Tien (front right) and professor Sukhwa Hong were initiated by the collegiate chapter and joined the alumni chapter.

4 \ LINDENWOOD (MO) brother Sydney Schader volunteered at the local Boys and Girls Club, practicing social distancing while making a huge impact in her community.

5 \ ALABAMA collected school supplies for a local elementary school to donate to children in need taking classes at home temporarily. Jessica Patterson volunteered to deliver the supplies.



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6 \ AUBURN (AL) visited the Food Bank of East Alabama to help package boxes of food for families in need. Brothers worked in an assembly line which provided a great opportunity to work together and make new friends. Front from left: Maggie Listi, Julianne Peterson, Huy Vu and Isabel De Armas. Back from left: Nico Carpio, Alex Charleston, Madison Coleman, Regina Fustile, Cole Gaskill and Todd Sheridan.

7 \ LONGWOOD (VA) and RADFORD (VA) explored St. Augustine, Florida together during the Southern LEAD Provincial Conference this spring.

8 \ LOYOLA-MARYMOUNT presented Trey Hernandez with his 10 Year Alumni Service Award. Trey has been highly involved in the Fraternity, holding a number of positions such as president and chancellor of Delta Sigma, as well as VP-Collegiate Relations for Los Angeles Alumni Chapter.

9 \ PITTSBURGH (PA) welcomed motivational speaker and non-profit Executive Director Carlos Carter to campus to present a keynote on pursuing passions and reflecting on goals.



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10 \ CAL STATE-NORTHRIDGE, LOS ANGELES ALUMNI and NORTH HOLLYWOOD ALUMNI attended the Distinguished Speaker Series of Cal State-Northridge's David Nazarian College of Business and Economics.

11 \ RHODE ISLAND co-hosted a speed networking night, meeting professionals from a variety of industries and building meaningful connections.

12 \ LOS ANGELES ALUMNI celebrated Founders' Day at a local restaurant for an evening of bonding and planning future chapter events. South Pacific RVP Erica Kolsrud joined the celebration (second from left).

13 \ CLEMSON (SC) participated in Relay For Life's "Evening of Hope," a celebration for cancer survivors and luminary walk to support the American Cancer Society.



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DELTA SIGMA PI ALUMNI RECEPTIONS

The National Fraternity hosted Alumni Receptions in Jacksonville (14), Denver (16) and Dallas (15) this spring. We were excited to welcome more than 40 brothers and guests in Jacksonville, and over 50 each in Denver and Dallas. For many of these guests, it was their first Deltasig event since graduating (which was 1973 for two Maryland graduates).

At each event, brothers and guests enjoyed a short program about the Fraternity's recent accomplishments and spent the rest of the evening catching up with brothers and making new connections. Local alumni chapters were in attendance to welcome brothers and encourage ongoing communication and engagement. Highlights from the events include:

- *Attendance by a young alumnus who came to the reception directly from his duty on a nuclear submarine.*

- *PGP Mitch Simmons reconnecting with one of his pledge brothers after many years.*

- *Attendance by founding members at Northern Colorado and Southern Illinois-Edwardsville.*

Be on the lookout for an Alumni Reception coming to your area - or contact alumni@dsp.org if you are interested in hosting one.

|| KUDOS ||

New job? Start a new business? Get promoted or recognized for an achievement?
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ACHIEVEMENTS

Lewis Tischler, Albany (NY), is the owner of The Business Doctor in Hartsdale, N.Y.

Delisa Sagun, Angelo State (TX), is a workers compensation adjuster at AIG in San Diego.

Christopher Gossen, Arizona, is a priest at the Roman Catholic Diocese of Phoenix.

Ralph Heimann, Cal Poly-Pomona, is chief financial officer at Progressive Produce, LLC in La Mirada, Calif.

Clifford Franz, Cal State-Chico, retired as sales/department manager at Chevron Products/ Orchard Supply Hardware. He lives in Layton, Utah.

Travis Nelson, Cal State-East Bay, is director of alumni engagement at California State University, East Bay in Hayward, Calif.

Elissa Ducar, Central Florida, is senior financial analyst, North America fixed cost at Toyota Motor North America in Plano, Texas.

Jordan Nairne, Clemson (SC), is a licensing operations coordinator at Learfield IMG College in Atlanta.

Donald Allcock, Dayton (OH), is a court appointed special advocate volunteer working in the foster care system in San Luis Obispo County, Calif.

Jamie Overberg, Drake (IA), is a partner at TaxOps, LLC, in Denver.

Stephen Moore, East Tennessee State, is in sales at Schmitt Furniture in New Albany, Ind.

Justin Shin, George Mason (VA), is a risk consultant at Ernst & Young, LLP in McLean, Va.

Jose Riera, Georgetown (DC), is a Ph.D. student at Washington State University in Pullman, Wash.

Jeff Winther, Grand Valley State (MI), is a consumer credit loan specialist at Fifth Third Bank in Holland, Mich.

Joseph O'Brien, Hawaii-Hilo, is a senior accountant at Liberty Utilities in Avondale, Ariz.

Maggie Tracy, Holy Cross (LA), is an accountant at ACH Child and Family Services in Fort Worth, Texas.

Karen Cornelius, Illinois, is a risk manager at Loyola University of Chicago.

Maura Norris, Iowa, is a technical client services manager at Integral Ad Science in Chicago.

Ulf Nygren, Iowa, is a manager at Dedex in Västerås, Sweden.



P.O.W.E.R.ful Deltasig Recognized for Achievements

Michele Briscoe, Adelphi (NY), was showcased by the Professional Organization of Women of Excellence Recognized (P.O.W.E.R.) on their Radio® by P.O.W.E.R. podcast. She has also been recognized by the organization with a Lifetime Achievement Award and Woman of the Month in April and July of 2019.

P.O.W.E.R. recognizes female professionals for their achievements in real estate investment, city transit and multilevel marketing. Its mission is to provide a powerful network of empowering women who will mentor and inspire each other to be the best they can be. Through their services, members can network, collaborate with like-minded professionals, gain recognition and obtain knowledge from those who have achieved success.

Brother Briscoe is the owner of Briscoe Investment Enterprises, a real estate investment company in the city of Brooklyn, New York. She utilizes her Bachelor's degree in banking and money management to invest in real estate property.

Creating Awning - Stress Management App

Daniel Fridliand, *Syracuse (NY)*, and longtime friend Dylan Sen, co-founded and operate Awning, a stress management app for students, therapists and educators. The app features customized tools from music therapy to meditation and breathing practices. With a mission of providing school administrators and the students they service 24/7, affordable stress therapy, the two are working to bridge the gap between students and the proper stress therapy that works for them.



How did you and Dylan come up with Awning? Awning was a project that Dylan, a good friend of mine from high school, approached me with when we were home for winter break our senior year. Dylan was studying the neuroscience behind non-pharmaceutical forms of anxiety management. The goal was to translate the published research into something tangible.

What are some of the key features you're excited about? Dylan and I are partial to the music therapy feature in the app, which uses Spotify to build playlists of songs that have specific stress reducing musical characteristics. It delivers you a playlist designed to calm you down. We're always figuring out next steps and are currently developing Awning to work with biometric information gathered by wearable devices (such as a Fitbit). We'll essentially be able to detect, assess and treat your stress as it sets in.

Why do you think resources like this are important on campus? The approach we use in Awning isn't necessarily designed for students and students alone. It's an approach that would help anyone reduce and manage stress, but our goal is to bring it to students first and foremost, because of how glaring the need is. What makes Awning particularly helpful for students is the constant accessibility and customization.

How did your involvement in the Fraternity prepare you for your professional endeavors? I found myself more motivated to connect with likeminded individuals, contribute to my school and local community and work harder to obtain my goals and aspirations. I suddenly had a community to call my own, which really gave me a sense of belonging in an environment that was far from home. I've managed to make valuable connections and build crucial skills that I will carry with me through the rest of my professional career and beyond.

William Ramsey, Iowa, is a realtor at RE/MAX Professionals in Muscatine, Iowa.

Eric Zupsansky, Kent State (OH), is a warranty representative at Associated Materials in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

James Covey III, Nevada-Las Vegas, is a realtor at Coldwell Banker Premier Realty in Henderson, Nev.

Mitchell Elfers, New Mexico, is the Clerk of Court for the US District Court of New Mexico in Albuquerque, N.M.

Raymond Baxter, North Texas, retired as assistant vice president and senior financial advisor at Merrill Lynch. He lives in Yorba Linda, Calif.

Gerald Mehring, Marquette (WI), retired as president at Mehrings' Dairy Queen, Inc. He lives in West Bend, Wis.

Mark Sovchuk, Jr., Marquette (WI), is an audit senior at ACM LLP in Denver.

Alyssa Parker, Ohio, is a retirement services relationship manager at Charles Schwab in Austin, Texas.

Christopher Missroon, Southern Illinois-Edwardsville, is senior vice president at Precision Architectural As-Built Services Inc. in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Liliya Leontyeva, Southern Methodist (TX), is a private wealth manager at Goldman Sachs in Dallas.

Dohnovan Montalvo, Texas A&M-Kingsville, is an associate tax analyst at Ernst & Young, LLP in San Antonio, Texas.

Garry Barnett, Texas-Austin, retired as sales manager at US Fence. He lives in Garland, Texas.

Benjamin Dominguez, Texas-El Paso, is a finance analyst at Lockheed Martin in Fort Worth, Texas.

Adriana Serrano Avelar, Texas-San Antonio, is the commercial director and owner at Nexus Corporation BPO in El Salvador.

Samantha Smith, Texas Tech, is a realtor at Keller Williams Realty in Midland, Texas.

Pierce Gilmore, Troy (AL), is the owner at 12ElevenBand, LLC in Pensacola, Fla.

Dawn Shovestull, Troy (AL), is an accountant at 1405 Hospitality Group in Orlando, Fla.

Lynda Seabaugh, Truman State (MO), is an assistant controller at Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Mary Kugach, Valparaiso (IN), retired as business manager at St. Gall Church. She lives in Elburn, Ill.

Michaela Caizzi, Virginia Tech, is a marketing manager at Virgin Pulse in Providence, R.I.

Patrick Bush, Wayne State-Nebraska, is a senior underwriter at AIG, Inc. in Phoenix.

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

Mark Vidal and Michelle Chung, both **Cal State-East Bay**, on September 6. They live in San Jose, Calif.

Chelsey Garner, Nebraska-Lincoln, and **Lakely Smith, Oklahoma State**, on January 1. They live in Mesa, Ariz.

Erika Lakey, New Mexico, and **Sean Conaway** on March 15. They live in Glendale, Ariz.

W. Michael Sinclair, South Florida-St. Petersburg, and **Ina Grobfeldt** on March 12. They live in Treasure Island, Fla.

Gains

Delisa Sagun, Angelo State (TX), and **Tristan** on January 19, 2019 - Aria. They live in Santee, Calif.

Eric Lee, Evansville (IN) and **Teena-Caelan Michael** (formerly Caitlin Michelle). They live in Valparaiso, Ind.

Marin Tyson, South Florida-Polytechnic, and **Kelsey** on December 13 - Sawyer. They live in Hatfield, Pa.

ALUMNI AWARDS

HELMETS - Golden

ROBERT MOCELLA, JR., Eastern Illinois, served as a graduate advisor to Eastern Illinois after graduation and was a longtime member of the Chicago Alumni Chapter. He has attended many National events, including nine Grand Chapter Congresses, winning the Children's Prize at the 23rd Grand Chapter Congress in 1961. Bob is son

of 2002 Lifetime Achievement Award recipient **Bob Mocella, Sr.** and nephew to Past Grand President **Tom Mocella**. Bob is a retired IT consultant, having worked nearly 30 years for Discover Financial Services.

Robert Mocella, Jr., Eastern Illinois, (center) was presented his Golden Helmet Award during the Denver Alumni Reception by PGP Norm Kromberg and LF EVP Tyler Wash.



|| ALUMNI AWARDS ||

ROBERT KISSEL, Oklahoma State, has been an active member of the Denver Alumni Chapter, serving as president and vice president between 2003 and 2007. He always made a special effort to recruit new members to the alumni chapter, finding brothers in the area and then calling or even visiting them to try and convince them to attend chapter events. Also, when the restaurant the chapter had previously met at for 20 years closed, he scouted out new locations for each meeting and invited speakers including local politicians, TV celebrities, and others to talk about their interesting professions and jobs. He also worked with local collegiate chapters to hold joint events. Bob retired at age 56, after 34 years in state government service, allowing him to invest time and money for his true passion—photography.

HELMETS - Silver

SCOTT BRUBAKER, Colorado-Colorado Springs, was a Founding member of the Mu Chi Chapter and started his alumni career as a chapter consultant at the Central Office in 1996. After leaving the staff, he served as District Director for Lewis (IL) and then became Great Lakes Regional Director earning him a spot on the Golden Council. In recent years, he has assisted Central Office staff to collect information from chapters. Scott is the director, project management office for Flintfox International in Denver.

DARIN KATZBERG, Nebraska-Lincoln, is a continual supporter of Delta Sigma Pi, giving to the Leadership Foundation consecutively over the last 17 years. He has earned recognition for the Entrepreneur Level of giving and is a member of the 2007 Centennial Society. Darin has been a District Director for



Scott Brubaker, Colorado-Colorado Springs, Robert Kissel, Oklahoma State, and Laura Howell, Nevada-Las Vegas, were presented with Helmets during the Western LEAD Provincial Conference in Denver.

Nebraska-Lincoln and was an active member of Lincoln/Greater Nebraska Alumni Chapter serving as president, vice president and District Director. Darin has also attended a number of events, including two Grand Chapter Congresses.



Darin Katzberg, Nebraska-Lincoln, was presented his Silver Helmet Award during the Denver Alumni Reception by PGP Norm Kromberg.

LAURA HOWELL, Nevada-Las Vegas, and her husband Greg, Pacific (CA), are strong supporters of the Delta Sigma Pi Leadership Foundation, earning them Benefactor recognition for more than \$25,000 of donations. They were also Centennial Founders of the 10K Club and 2007 Centennial Society members. Laura has attended two Grand Chapter Congresses and is a member of the Denver Alumni Chapter. Laura is the chief people officer for Smalley & Company in Denver.

KATHY LAZO-THOMPSON, New York, served as Eastern Regional Vice President, earning her a spot on the Golden Council. She has also served as District Director for Georgetown (DC), Saint Peter's (NJ) and Rutgers-New Brunswick (NJ) and as pledge educator for Pace-Westchester (NY) before they were installed. Kathy served on the Nominations Committee from 2009 until 2013 and also served on



Kathleen Lazo-Thompson, New York, Mark Chiacchiarri, Pennsylvania, Corie McCreary, Penn State-Erie, Christopher Pitzer, Shepherd (WV), and Maria Ramos, Roger Williams (RI), received Silver Helmets at the Northeastern LEAD Provincial in Baltimore.

the Colony Task Force. She has served on a number of Leadership Foundation committees, including the Scholarship Selection Team since 2010. Kathy has attended a number of National events, including 12 Grand Chapter Congresses where she has volunteered as the onsite banquet seat coordinator for the past four. She and her husband, Chris, George Mason (VA), also regularly support the Leadership Foundation.

TRINA KIRK, North Florida, currently serves as the Atlantic Coast Regional Vice President and vice president-chapter operations of the Jacksonville (FL) Alumni Chapter. Trina has been a member of the alumni chapter since 2003 and has served in many roles including president, vice president, vice president-finance and secretary. Prior to being RVP, Trina served as District Director to Savannah State (GA) and North Florida. She has also served as a

chair and member of the Atlantic Coast Regional Awards Committee. Trina has attended 35 National Deltasig events, including seven Grand Chapter Congresses.

MARK CHIACCHIARI, Pennsylvania, began his service as National Collegian of the Year in 1999. Immediately after, he was elected Northeastern Provincial Vice President, and went on to serve as Vice President-Organizational Development, Grand President and Past Grand President. During his four-year term as Grand President, 10% of the Fraternity's chapter roll was installed. Through his Board positions, Mark also served as a Leadership Foundation Trustee, earning the titles of Golden Council and Trustee Emeritus. Mark, along with his wife and daughters, fully support Delta Sigma Pi by attending events (Mark attending more than 110 National events) and through donations totaling nearly \$40,000. Many brothers fondly

think of Mark not only as a leader, but also "that guy" who's name tormented decades of pledges who had to learn and memorize Chia-c-chia-ri. But through his many roles, Mark spearheaded and championed many programs and changes that have formed our Fraternity to what we know and love today.

CORIE MCCREARY, Penn State-Erie, has served in several capacities for both the Fraternity and the Leadership Foundation. More specifically, she has served as a District Director for Duquesne (PA) and West Liberty (WV) Colony, president for Pittsburgh Alumni Chapter and Allegheny Regional Vice President. She was also recognized as Regional DD of the Year. She has also been chair of the Northeastern Provincial Professional Development, the Northeastern Provincial and National Scholastic Development and Awards Committees. Corie is currently a Leadership Foundation Trustee and has served and currently serves on a number of Foundation committees. She has attended numerous national events, including nine Grand Chapter Congresses, and is a continuing supporter of the Leadership Foundation.

MARIA RAMOS, Roger Williams (RI), is well known by chapter presidents as our official Delta Sigma Pi Travel Agent for Presidents' Academy, who had to deal with many cancelled flights and weather delays for the 2019 event.

Many people also know her for her continued hard work on Grand Chapter Congresses banquet seating since 2009 even though unable to attend the actual event recently. Maria was a founding brother of Nu Sigma and was recognized as the New England Regional Collegian of the Year in 1998. In addition, she has served as Eastern Regional Awards Committee Chair, District Director for George Mason (VA) and served on the installation team for George Washington (DC). She has attended nearly 30 events, including six Grand Chapter Congresses, and is a strong supporter of the Leadership Foundation.

CHRIS PITZER, *Shepherd (WV)*, has served as District Director at his alma mater, Shepherd (WV), for ten years. He also has served as District Director for Frostburg State (MD) and James Madison (VA). Chris is the current vice president-collegiate relations

for the Shepherdstown (WV) Alumni Chapter, where he has been a longtime member, also holding the positions of president and secretary. He makes sure to schedule time for local and national events, attending ten Grand Chapter Congresses and a number of other events, bringing his family along in many cases. He also supports the Leadership Foundation, educating others and inspiring them to do the same.

JEANNE GREGORY, *Tampa*, is currently the Chapter Advisor at Tampa but has also been involved serving in other roles. Jeanne has served as District Director for Tampa (FL), Kansas, Florida Southern and Tampa Bay Alumni Chapter, winning National District Director of the Year in 2010. She has been involved in numerous alumni chapters including Kansas City, Tampa Bay (FL) and St Pete-Clearwater (FL) and has served as a chair and member of the Southern Provincial

Awards Committee and the Midwestern Regional Awards Committee. Along with her husband Shawn, Jeanne was a founding member of the Tampa Bay Area Leadership Foundation Scholarship.

SHAWN GREGORY, *Tampa*, served as South Atlantic Regional Director from 1997 until 2001, earning him a spot on the Golden Council. Prior to that, he also served as District Director for Florida Southern, Tampa (FL) and South Florida-Tampa. He has been involved in numerous alumni chapters including Kansas City, Tampa Bay (FL) and St Pete-Clearwater (FL), serving as treasurer for Kansas City and Tampa Bay (FL). Shawn was a member of the South Atlantic Regional Awards Committee and served on the National Scholastic Development and Awards Committee. Shawn and his wife, Jeanne, were also recently recognized with a Benefactor award for their continued support of the Leadership Foundation.



Jeanne and Shawn Gregory, both Tampa (FL), and Trina Kirk, North Florida, were presented Silver Helmets at the Southern LEAD Provincial Conference in Jacksonville.

|| LOSSES ||

Cal State-Chico

Gary Wright (February 8)

Cincinnati

Eugene Fischer (October 28)

Clemson (SC)

Kimberly Heyward (March 6)

Florida State

Leslie Grizzard II (January 15)

Georgia State

John Jaynes (November 12)

Indiana

John Boquist (August 28)

Richard Judy (December 29, 2018)

Kent State (OH)

William Bartel, Jr. (February 24)

Louisiana Tech

Harold Bledsoe (October 27)

Memphis

John Miles (December 7)

North Texas

Swinford Wilson (February 28)

Ohio State

Ronald Furukawa (January 24)

Pittsburgh

Patrick Coyne (November 26)

Victor Scrivo (October 27)

Redlands (CA)

Jeffrey Ghazarian (March 19)

Saint Peter's (NJ)

Thomas McCormick (December 18)

South Dakota

Thomas Oehlerking (February 15)

Truman State (MO)

Debra Kerby (January 14)

West Liberty (WV)

Russell Taylor, Jr. (February 1)

Phillip Hayden, Jr. (February 11)

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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/beacd1.



Congratulations to the CDLs who earned Tier I or Tier II certification between December 6, 2019 and April 1, 2020. (Tier II CDLs are marked with a *.)

Gail Baumer*, *Buffalo (NY)*

Jessica Boucher*, *New Mexico State*

Paul Brodie*, *Texas-Arlington*

Carrie Burns*, *Mercer (GA)*

Tony Coe*, *Cal Poly-Pomona*

Tiphanie Contreras*, *Texas A&M-Kingsville*

C.J. Cook*, *Mercer (GA)*

Sean Cooper, *DePaul (IL)*

Jim Deaton*, *Oklahoma*

Isha Dedhia, *Cal State-East Bay*

David Feret, *George Mason (VA)*

Rob Fosdick*, *Rochester Tech (NY)*

Amanda Girton*, *South Florida-Tampa*

Jessica Glavas*, *Oklahoma*

Katie Goebel, *Missouri State*

Nolan Hickey*, *Iowa State*

Weslie Higdon*, *Clemson (SC)*

Meghan Hill*, *Kennesaw State (GA)*

Sally Hinkle*, *Missouri State*

Nicholas Howell*, *Cal State-Chico*

Adam Katch*, *Iowa State*

Beth Keith*, *Bowling Green State (OH)*

Charlie Kenney*, *North Texas*

Trish Kolterman*, *Wayne State-Nebraska*

Brian Krippner*, *Truman State (MO)*

James Kuhn*, *Marshall (WV)*

Kristoph Lederer*, *Marshall (WV)*

Heather Lewis*, *Indiana State*

Sunny Loera, *New Mexico*

Lencia Marc, *South Florida-Tampa*

David Mazur*, *Penn State-Erie*

Katie McGeary, *Massachusetts-Boston*

Katie McGrath*, *Oklahoma State*

Noel Miller*, *Albion (MI)*

Dohnovan Montalvo, *Texas A&M-Kingsville*

Marzieh Nightingale, *Pacific (CA)*

Laura O'Connell*, *Northern Illinois*

Mark Papuzza, *Siena (NY)*

Kayjay Patterson, *Ferris State (MI)*

Justine Ramsey*, *Buffalo (NY)*

Nick Rizzi*, *Denver*

Josh Robinson*, *Midwestern State (TX)*

Omar Sandoval*, *Texas-Arlington*

Aldwyn Sappleton, *Oklahoma*

Teresa Schudrowitz*, *St. Ambrose (IA)*

Mitch Simmons*, *Southern Mississippi*

Tricia Smith*, *Akron (OH)*

Jacque Stephens*, *Florida Atlantic*

Jeanna Tipton*, *Cincinnati Alumni*

Heather Troyer*, *Washington-St. Louis*

Mark Voyda, *DePaul (IL)*

Madison Whitehouse*, *Bellarmine (KY)*

Jeff Winther*, *Grand Valley State (MI)*

William Wong, *Cal State-East Bay*



Alex (front center) with his chapter members and alumni, including District Director Mary Moon (top right) and PGP Norm Kromberg (left of Moon).

Take the Lead for Chapter Leadership Funds

BY TYLER WASH, LEADERSHIP FOUNDATION EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

"When someone donates to the Chapter Leadership Fund, they are giving brothers an experience to be able to learn new skills through programs like LEAD events and Grand Chapter Congress. By donating, it shows great support in what the Fraternity aims to achieve as well as what the chapter hopes to achieve. In many cases, financial obligations can sometimes deter brothers from being able to attend these fantastic programs. Donations can greatly offset costs and make it possible for increased attendance in these programs. Through donating, you are giving more than just money. You are increasing the hopes and dreams that a brother of Delta Sigma Pi can achieve through these experiences. With the connections, teachings, and all around fun that someone can experience, it is an opportunity that can be made possible by anyone who donates to the Chapter Leadership Fund."

- Alex Caytan, Nebraska-Omaha

Before COVID-19, social distancing and new daily norms, the Delta Sigma Pi Leadership Foundation established a Chapter Leadership Fund (CLF) for each Delta Sigma Pi collegiate chapter.

These funds were created in an effort to strategically create a new giving opportunity aimed at providing chapters more financial resources to fully participate in Delta Sigma Pi's outstanding educational and leadership development programs. These funds also allow alumni and friends to make charitable gifts that directly support a specific chapter.

Once they have received donations, collegiate chapters can request grants directly from their CLF to help cover registration fees, travel and lodging for Delta Sigma Pi educational programs, such as LEAD Schools, LEAD Provincial Conferences and Grand Chapter Congress.

During these challenging and uncertain times, our brothers need our help. Deltasig alumni care about their chapters and understand the current situation is making it difficult to not only operate fully, but to financially plan for the future. When campuses closed and universities transitioned to online classes, most Delta Sigma Pi collegiate chapters ceased a majority of operations for the term. Some chapters held virtual professional events or promoted individual service opportunities, but they were not able to hold fundraising activities that are important for so many chapters. Donations to CLFs will financially assist students in attending programs, while supplementing the chapter's budget next year.

Learn more about how you can support at dsp.org/clf. ▲



"Thank you, alumni, for your continued support. We benefit from your advice, ideas, or opportunities to attend LEAD events and Grand Chapter Congress. We appreciate it so much. Having the quality knowledge and training from the leadership events is helping to shape generations of successful professionals, who have a higher standard and values service to others. During these events, our chapter gained life-long friendships, the ability to learn from mentors, and new outlooks on our current chapter operations and ways we can be innovating our chapter, to help benefit our chapter, the brothers, the alumni, and our university."

– Megan Widner, Midwestern State (TX)

Megan (right) with her chapter members and volunteer leaders, including District Director Sarah Harris (left) and then Tornado Alley RVP Jennifer Mayes (front center).



"Kappa Mu used money from our Chapter Leadership Fund to sponsor 17 brothers to attend the Western LEAD Provincial Conference in Denver. Attending this event allowed brothers to grow professionally and personally. The opportunities to network, build our skills and learn more about Delta Sigma Pi as a national organization, only increased our excitement for future events. Supporting these funds has a huge impact on brothers at a national level. Whether it's growing as a leader, building professional relationships, or even giving back to the community—the opportunities are endless.."

– Sabrina Nottingham, Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo

Sabrina (front center) with chapter members at the Denver LEAD Provincial Conference, as well as National Organizational Development Committee Chair Lisa Brown (left).



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“ZOOM”ING IN ON BROTHERHOOD

Throughout the period of social distancing, Deltasigs showed that our brotherhood can thrive whether near or far. Boston Alumni Chapter (pictured) is one of the many chapters/group of Deltasigs to host a virtual happy hour to catch up and enjoy togetherness.