

WE ARE DELTA SIG!

When thinking about Delta Sigma Phi, what first comes to your mind?

The great times you had while an undergraduate? The friends you made who you stay in touch with to this day? Your local chapter and how it's doing?

Or is it that the organization as a whole continues to build better men? Lead in the world? Excel on campus?

No matter what your first thought is, we hope that you are thinking that you are a part of something big – a movement that has built better men, developed leaders, and shaped lives for nearly 110 years.

It's amazing to think about the scope of Delta Sigma Phi. We span the globe. From New York City to England, to East Asia and Australia, a Delta Sig is doing something to better the local community.

No matter whether you were the member who sat in the back at chapter meetings, the president of your undergraduate chapter, or a volunteer who has gotten heavily involved since graduation, you have made an impact on our organization's success. You have enhanced the lives of those brothers with whom you have come into contact. **YOU ARE A DELTA SIG,** and as a whole **WE ARE DELTA SIG!**

In the following pages, we hope to show you a little more about what being a Delta Sig means in several small sections.



WE ARE ACCOMPLISHED

Whether it's in the board room, in the locker room, or on campus in the chapter room, Delta Sigs continue to lead and accomplish great things across the world. Our brothers continue to accomplish feats that our founders back in 1899 would not have thought possible as they were sitting in the alcove in New York City developing the ideals of our organization.

Our brothers are shaping policy in Washington, shaping the minds of young men and women on college campuses, and shaping the future of their businesses through research and development.

Delta Sigs are leading companies, non-profit organizations, and campus organizations.

They are serving our country, saving lives as doctors and nurses, and administering justice as lawyers and judges.

They are developing new products and services, and helping others do the same, as entrepreneurs, angel investors and venture capitalists.

They are providing essential services to their local communities as public servants, insurance salesmen and Realtors.

Even in this difficult economy, Delta Sigs are accomplishing great things and leading... In fact, just look at some of the leadership roles and accomplishments our brothers have had recently and in the past on the next page.

The interesting thing is that you don't have to have a title to be accomplished. There are brothers who have recently been accomplishing great things without the big name or title. They include the following brothers:

Dave Rahusen, Drexel '81 – In late 2008, Dave was named Big Brother of the Year by the Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Lehigh Valley in Pennsylvania. About his award, Rahusen said, "I did not begin the program to win an award and frankly I was floored by it. I did not

want to stand up in front of all those people and get an award for doing what I was simply doing. I just wanted to help Jessie (his little brother) grow up and see that there are choices to be made; you can make good ones and you can make bad ones."

Larry Niemeyer, Western Illinois '56 – Niemeyer holds the national record for wins as a coach in high school girl's softball (1,958), and also has 841 wins as a coach in high school girl's basketball during his 50+ years as a coach in Iowa. Niemeyer said, "I am a coach and that is what I do. I still enjoy practice and working with kids to make them better. I also enjoy the competition and the kids. I try to teach them values and we try to play with discipline and structure." Many of Niemeyer's former players have become coaches, a testament to his efforts in teaching them the games he loves.

Bruce Loewenberg, Missouri '58 – Loewenberg became the president of the American Salers Association (ASA), which is the leadership voice that records, protects and promotes Salers cattle, and represents Salers breeders across the nation. Since his initiation into Delta Sigma Phi, Loewenberg has shown his love for the Fraternity in many ways, including as a member of his chapter's ACB, and as a current member of Delta Sig's Grand Council.

Delta Sig's chapters and colonies are also accomplishing great things on campus and in their communities. Many chapters have recently been named the top on their respective campuses, and their individual brothers continue to pile up awards and recognition from a variety of on and off campus organizations.

Accomplishment can only come from being involved, which leads us to our next topic – **WE ARE INVOLVED.**

BUSINESS LEADERS

- Mike Duke, *Georgia Tech '68* – President and CEO of the world's largest retailer, Wal-Mart
- Matt Espe, *Idaho '77* – Chairman, President and CEO of IKON Office Solutions
- Larry Montgomery, *Ferris State '69* – Retired CEO, and current Chairman of the Board for Kohl's Department Stores
- Mike Morris, *Eastern Michigan '65* – President and CEO of American Electric Power
- Bernie Newcomb, *Oregon State '62* – Co-Founder of E-Trade

ATHLETIC LEADERS

- Mike Bellotti, *UC Davis '70* – Head Football Coach at the University of Oregon
- Tom Heckert, *Hillsdale '88* – General Manager of the Philadelphia Eagles in the NFL
- Mark Moseley, *Stephen F. Austin '67* – Only kicker in NFL history to be named NFL MVP in 1982
- Kevin Streelman, *Duke '98* – PGA Tour Golfer (see story in the Sports section)

UNIVERSITY LEADERS

- Robert Carothers, *Edinboro '62* – President of the University of Rhode Island
- Kent Chabotar, *St. Francis '67* – President of Guilford College
- Anthony DiGiorgio, *Gannon '59* – President of Winthrop University

POLITICIANS

- Bob Cashell, *Stephen F. Austin '60* – Mayor of Reno, Nevada
- Tom Harkin, *Iowa State '60*, Senior Senator for the state of Iowa in the US Senate
- Bill Hughes, *Rutgers '53* – Served as a 10-term US Congressman and US Ambassador to Panama from the 1970s to the 1990s
- Bob Inglis, *Duke '79*, Todd Tiaht, *SD School of Mines '70*, and Mike Turner, *Ohio Northern '79* – US Congressmen in the US House of Representatives

PUBLIC SERVANTS

- Michael Cavanagh, *Detroit '59* – Supreme Court Justice, State of Michigan
- Mark Martin, *Western Carolina '81* – Supreme Court Justice, State of North Carolina

WE ARE INVOLVED

Involvement is a key part of the success of anything, whether it be a philanthropic event, a campus student organization, or even a Fraternity chapter. In Delta Sigma Phi, involvement in any number of things is not only encouraged, but many times it's required. In fact, right in the organization's Ritual, it talks about not only being a member, but being an active member and paying the debt through your continued involvement.

Not only in chapters and colonies, but across the country, from philanthropic events like THON on the campus of Penn State (the largest Dance Marathon in the country), to local walks for any number of causes, to developing clothing donation events in their areas like the Washington, DC Area Alumni Association, Delta Sigs are involved and invested in these events' success.

In addition, during the 2008-09 academic year, a number of campus Interfraternity Councils (IFCs) are being led by Delta Sigs – Purdue University, Michigan State University, East Carolina University, Georgia Institute of Technology, and Johnson & Wales University are included. Undergraduate brothers are serving in their campuses' student governments, as leaders in campus organizations, and as campus ambassadors.

Fraternity alumni are involved in community service, philanthropic events, and in their fields of interest. From serving on the board of a homeowners association to coaching youth sports teams, Delta Sigs are involved and are a part of the fabric of their communities.

In addition, most recently, Delta Sig chapters and colonies across the country have been coming to the aid of the American Red Cross by giving blood, donating their time and efforts to the cause, or even giving money. The Fraternity's Blood, Sweat & Cash Campaign is an initiative started by past undergraduate member of the Grand Council, Patrick Jessee, *Purdue '01*, and is something that has been embraced by chapters and colonies across the country.

Involvement is a key to what Delta Sig is all about, but diversity is also an important aspect of the Fraternity's founding that members are embracing. This leads us to our next topic, **WE ARE DIVERSE**, which focuses on the diversity efforts of the Delta Sig Chapter at the University of Michigan, Dearborn.

WE ARE DIVERSE AND INCLUSIVE

Diversity has been a part of Delta Sigma Phi since the organization's founding by Jewish and Christian men at the end of the 19th century, when fraternities were never of mixed religions. The foresight of our forefathers in understanding the importance of diversity has carried through to today, as Delta Sig chapters and colonies are more diverse than ever before.

When people think of diversity, many times the first thought that pops into their heads is racial diversity. While that is a part of diversity, it hardly is the only aspect. In addition to race, Delta Sig chapters and colonies show their diversity in the ethnicity, religious affiliation, and sexual orientation of their members.

In fact, one of Delta Sig's most diverse chapters is the Eta Kappa Chapter at the University of Michigan, Dearborn. The chapter's diversity manifests itself in many ways, and is an integral part of its success and efforts.

According to chapter president Gabriel Scruggs, an African American, "People from different cultures and backgrounds bring different things to the table. Some examples in our chapter include the fact that we have a lot of Arabs in our chapter. In their culture, family is a very big deal, and they bring that into the Fraternity. The fact that we're all brothers means to them that we are all family. It's really enlightening when you see how other cultures and people do things."

Members come from all walks of life, showing that they embrace diversity in their recruitment efforts. "What I tell our chapter is that rush is 365, and we are always recruiting, being watched and representing the Fraternity. Different people from different ethnic groups have branched out, and have taken leadership positions in their ethnic groups on campus, which allows them to recruit a more diverse group of people into the chapter." The chapter has had leaders of the Lebanese Student Association, Jewish Student Organization, National Society of Black Engineers, Black Student Union,



Albanian-American Student Organization, the Muslim Student Association, and more over the recent years.

Diversity even makes its way into their philanthropic efforts, as during the academic year, the chapter hosts the "Dance for Peace" event. This event brings together a diverse mix of campus organizations, from the Albanian-American Student Organization to the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, to raise money for a specific cause – this year to help the refugees in Gaza after the bombings by Israel.

In fact, this year's situation in the Middle East was a very interesting time for the members, since it has brothers of both Jewish and Arab descent. All of the chapter's brothers came together to buy a table at an event for the Humanitarian Organization for Palestinian Equality (HOPE), which raises money for the Palestinians in Gaza. This includes the brothers who are leading the Jewish Student Organization who are members of the chapter. According to Scruggs, "The two cultures didn't really clash on this issue, as most everyone is educated on the topic, and our brothers came together to hope for a cease-fire."

The diversity of this chapter is a good example of Delta Sig's inclusiveness on our campuses across the country. Our brothers embrace diversity, which helps the organization live up to its founding principles on a daily basis.

As we have shown throughout the last few pages, Delta Sigma Phi is an organization full of men who exhibit the types of qualities that our society needs and wants. This is stressed in every program put on nationally. And in the organization's Strategic Plan (which can be found online at <http://www.deltasig.org/ourstrategy>), the leaders of the organization have made it a priority to continue to build better men who will be able follow in the large footsteps that came before them.

As we head to this summer's Convention in St. Louis, where friendships will be made and renewed, let's be sure that we all understand that even though we are from different parts of the country and the world; even though we went to different colleges and universities and joined different chapters and colonies; even though we may have different hopes and dreams; each and every one of our undergraduate and alumni brothers can proudly say: **"WE ARE DELTA SIG!"**