



## ▶ letter from the editor



### *Brothers,*

This past Fall, while watching the Penn State Nittany Lions take on my Ohio State Buckeyes in a pivotal Big Ten matchup on the gridiron, I got more and more excited and enthused about the game because of the chant I heard from the stands – “We Are... Penn State...” The crowd was excited. The team was excited. And they were all on the same side cheering for their Nittany Lions to be great and beat the hated rivals (which to my dismay, they did...)

The reason I relate this story to you is because that chant, and the excitement it provided, inspired the theme of this issue’s Feature here in *The Carnation* – “We Are Delta Sig” – which will also permeate throughout the remainder of the issue’s stories as well.

In this issue’s feature, you’ll read about how our brothers are woven into the fabric of society, accomplishing great things, embracing diversity and inclusivity, and being involved on campus and in the community. I hope you’ll be inspired reading about some of the great things our brothers are doing, and strive to do the same.

You’ll also read alumni profiles of brothers who are leading in a variety of places – in the board room, on the golf course, and in politics.

On pages 16-17, you’ll read about Mike Cave, *Purdue ’79*, who serves as Boeing’s Senior Vice President for Strategy and Planning. In addition to his duties in leading the strategic planning for the world’s largest aerospace company, he takes time to serve as Boeing’s lead contact with Purdue University. The company and university collaborate on a number of things, including in research and development, and scholarship and internship programs.

On pages 22-23, you’ll hear from Rick Graber, *Duke ’75*, who recently completed a two and half year stint as the

United States Ambassador to the Czech Republic. During his time in Prague, he also worked with two other Delta Sigs in the Embassy, a unique experience that he speaks about in the interview.

On pages 34-35, we bring you an alumni profile on Kevin Streelman, *Duke ’98*, a golfer on the PGA Tour who had an incredible rookie season in 2008. We discuss Kevin’s road to the Tour, and how that road has helped him compete with some of golf’s best week in and week out.

Throughout the remainder of the issue, you’ll read stories about brothers who are doing other exceptional things, like Brian Williams’ opportunity to testify at the first US Military Tribunal at Guantanamo Bay, Nikhil Patil’s experience in Africa with the US Peace Corps, and Larry Kolano’s amazing trip to the sites of the Holocaust.

I hope that as you read this issue, you think about how these brothers who are out there making a difference and doing incredible things are just like you – a Delta Sig! Just as the Penn State fans chanted (with a little variation) – “We are... Delta Sig...”!

Thanks again for reading, and as always, if you have ideas for future issues, want to tell us what you liked or disliked about this issue, or just want to reach out, please feel free to call me at (317) 634-1899 x425, or e-mail me at [Hammond@deltasig.org](mailto:Hammond@deltasig.org).

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