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SURVEY RESULTS

Kenyon Brothers: Ready to Lead

Delta Tau Delta Kenyon produces men ready to lead. **We've been surveying Brothers** to learn how the DTD experience influenced their lives and what value they took from their time as active Brothers. Again and again, Brothers say DTD helped them develop leadership skills in a way they would not have outside the fraternity.

Bill Taylor '85

Bill Taylor '85 left DTD with a better understanding of leadership, Brotherhood and dedication and then he took those skills and started a school.

"In that leadership experience, I drew heavily from my experience of trying to lead Chi Chapter as a sophomore president. I had to lead through building collaborative trust. Years later, I could only have succeeded in my professional challenges by building collaborative trust and establishing a shared vision. I learned this as a Delt," Taylor '85 says.

Jim Kuhn '76

Jim Kuhn '76 was president of Chi Chapter. The experience of leading meetings, delegating and managing projects helped him develop leadership skills that he has carried into his successful career in corporate HR leadership positions.



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"DTD helped me develop maturity, fairness, balance and making tough people decisions," **Kuhn '76** says.

While he served as president, he was also co-captain of Kenyon's swimming team. Juggling academics, DTD, swim team leadership and

training and competing as a swimmer taught him valuable life skills, all of which gave him a firm handle on his corporate career.

"[It] helped me learn to organize, prioritize and gain self-confidence that I was, and still am, able to accomplish a lot myself, but, most of all, with others," Kuhn '76 says.



Jim Kuhn, Jeanette Burns, Dick Parke, Bill Monte and Harlow Keith at chapter advisor Bob Burn's memorial, September 2019

What are 3 things you gained from your Delta Tau Delta experience?

We want to hear from more of our fellow Brothers! If you haven't filled out our survey to tell us a little bit about where you are today, and how DTD helped you get there, email alumninews@affinityconnection.com to take the survey. Let's celebrate the lifelong Brotherhood we all know as Delts!



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ALUMNI MUSINGS

Brother Peter Dolan '81 is Paying it Forward to Give Something Back

Each Brother's experience at DTD is unique. As Brother's come in and out Middle Leonard with their own life experiences, they each bring something different to the table that helps mold their experience into what it's meant to be. It is a privilege that so many have come through our doors, and it is a victory that so many leave prepared to lead a better life because of their time as a Delt.

Peter Dolan '81 is now retired and "living the dream" in Minnesota. But more than four decades ago, he was spending 1977-1981 as a Delt, and his experience was as unforgettable as many of ours. It was a time in his life when he had little in the way of resources, and the school administrators and DTD organization offered him support he is eternally grateful for. Because of his situation when he came to DTD, his gratitude to the school and the DTD organization runs deep. Now, as a lifetime contributor, he's hoping to



pay it forward by giving something back.

"I contribute to the Delt Fund because I feel I owe the DTD organization so much, especially financially," Dolan '81 says. "My parents did not have the resources to send me to Kenyon, much less pay for me to join campus organizations. All I had was the money from my summer job and the little bit I earned lifeguarding and teaching swim

lessons at Schafer Pool. The Delts honored me by letting me be a part of their great organization, and I tried to pay my dues through chores and any artwork they may have needed. I never felt they were getting a fair return on their money so I made a promise to Doc Burns that I would pay them back some day, so I have decided be a lifetime contributor."

Dolan '81 left Chi Chapter with a greater sense of belonging and a true understanding of Brotherhood. It was, he says,

the most valuable part of his experiences. The Brotherhood and the "sense of belonging to, and contributing to, something greater than one's self." It is our hope that the active Brothers at Chi Chapter today feel the same way – that they truly belong and they understand the Brotherhood they are now part of for life.

KENYON DELTS IN THE NEWS

Kenyon Delts are making headlines this year!



Charlie Walch '89 is currently CEO of Pluton Biosciences, a company based out of St. Louis. The startup recently acquired a local research laboratory, Microbe Inotech Laboratories (MiL), and will make that research and testing lab part of Pluton's new division. MiL brings with it more than 100 customers and provides services for the environmental, food safety, industrial, pharmaceutical, plant science and government sectors. Founded in 2017, Pluton has developed a new process that allows it to inexpensively examine soil microorganisms to discover new bacteria, fungi and viruses. For example, Pluton's first finding was a patent-

pending bacteria that can kill mosquitos carrying deadly disease like yellow fever and Zika.

Great job on heading up this important work, Charlie!

Another member of the class of 1989 (Way to go, guys! Must've been something in the water at the Chi house that year...) is making headlines in a completely different way. **CR Obetz '89** was recently featured in *Portfolio Magazine*, a Naples-based publication that focuses on golfing, art, business, leisure and lifestyle topics. CR gets a big feature in the most recent issue for his new POP ART GOLF series of paintings. The bold, vibrant and riveting pieces of work are really something spectacular and focus in on golf icons like Ben Hogan, Bobby Jones and Jack Nicklaus.

You can see one of CR's pieces in the photo to the right and read the feature story on his work, at portfoliomagazineinaples.com.

Do you have news you can share? Were you recently featured in your local newspaper or magazine, or in a national publication?



Let us know how you're making headlines as a Kenyon Delt! We want to celebrate our Brothers' achievements together. Send your news to alumninews@affinityconnection.com.

Chapter Eternal

Friends...

Steve Neri '84 was diagnosed with advanced (inoperable) liver cancer and, more recently, with sepsis. Steve passed early this morning, just two weeks after his initial diagnosis. He was surrounded by his family: wife Carolyn; daughter Ashley; sons Sean and Parker; his parents and his sister. The outpouring for Steve from the various communities to which he belonged has left no doubt about how much he was truly loved and will be missed by all that had the privilege of knowing him.

For those of you who would like to send a condolence, here is the Neri address:

The Neris
2440 Southway Drive
Columbus, OH 43221

Here's Steve looking down on us from above:



WHY I GIVE TO THE DELT FUND

Your Delt Brothers Share Why They Choose to Give Back



"I have chosen to support the annual fund because, as a former president of the chapter, I know how difficult it can be to maintain a balanced budget. I want to ensure that the lodge is maintained and that efforts to maintain connections with alumni are not subjugated due to a lack of funds."

— **William Taylor '85**

"I choose to support DTD Chi Chapter Alumni Association because of how much Chi Chapter has given to me. My life would not be the same if I did not have the opportunity to be a Delt."

— **Daniel Glaser '13**

"I made a set of lifelong friends."

— **William Yost '68**

"I gave to the Chi Chapter Alumni Association because I believe in the DTD brotherhood and all it stands for."

— **John Emens, PhD '83**

Why do you choose to give to the Delt Fund? Let us know by emailing alumninews@affinityconnection.com.

Have you been putting off giving to the Delt Fund? Don't wait another day. Honor all that DTD has given to all of us with a gift to our annual fund, which makes the DTD Chi Chapter Alumni Association possible. To contribute, visit www.chidelts.com and click on the "Donations" tab.

HONOR ROLL

Thank you!

Thank you to the following brothers who have supported our annual fund so far this giving year, which started on September 1, 2019. We've set a goal to reach \$15,000. So far, we've raised \$8,885 with 19 donors. We are \$6,115 shy of our goal, with just less than six months left in the giving year. We're counting on you to help us reach our goal!

To make your donation, visit www.chidelts.com/donate.

Pierre McBride Society (\$1,000+)

Richard Parke	1976
John Cannon	1983
Philip Moyles	1986
Jeffrey Moritz	1986
Michael Ferson	2004

1881 Society (\$500 - \$999.99)

Joseph Grimes	1982
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Kokosing Drive Society (\$250 - \$499.99)

James Parker	1981
Harvey Stephens	1985



Purple Iris Society (\$100 - \$249.99)

Phil Hammond	1958
Robert Iredell	1963
William Yost	1968
James Kuhn	1976
David Bouman	1995

Chi Society (\$50 - \$99.99)

Daniel Smith	1959
Eric Fonkalsrud	1983

Other (Up to \$49.99)

Timothy Holder	1968
John Emens	1983
Tim Murphy	2002
Jonathan Lawrence	2009

A DTD PHOTO'S WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS

Can't find the right words to share your DTD story? Share your memories with a photo instead.

We have a ton of amazing photos from over the decades up on the DTD alumni website. Check out your Brothers in their finest 50s attire, sporting their most stylish attire or...well, whatever's going on in

these photos.

Find more photos at www.chidelts.com and submit your best DTD photos for inclusion in the next newsletter or eletter, by emailing alumninews@affinityconnection.com.



DTD WELCOMES NEW PLEDGE CLASS, NEW EXECUTIVE BOARD

Say hello to our current and future leaders!



Pledge Class: New Pledge Class, from top left to bottom right: Saad Nadeem '23, Teddy Kamin '23, Adam Margolis '22, Will Hitchcock '23, Ethan Shapiro '23, Rocco Danese '23, Reid Stautberg '23, Milo Levine '23, Bradley Berklich '22, Joseph Gorte '23, Jorge Roman-Lopez '22, Vishad Onta '23, Sean Goodman '23, Max Lindsey-Capobianco '23, Will Prentice '23, Nick Singer '23, Jack Baulig '23, Rex Thors '23. *Not pictured:* Evan Dean '23, Nathan Junk '23

New Executive Board, from left to right: Alec Ogihara, Maopeli Ali, Adam Schwager, Ben Morgan, Harry Clennon, Greg Bates, Zach Sclar, Eddie Weber. *Not pictured:* ROAD Chair Stephen Kelly and Academic Chair Noah Donoghue

ACADEMICS

DTD Names Robert D. Burns Scholarship Recipients

Brothers of Delta Tau Delta,

It is my pleasure to announce the recipients of the Robert D. Burns scholarship for the 2020-2021 academic year. Please join me in congratulating **Harry Clennon** and **Gregor Bates**! The selection committee was very impressed with all of the scholarship applicants, both in terms of academic achievement and involvement in the fraternity and community. The applicants all promoted the ideals of the fraternity and made for a very difficult decision. I believe the strength of this applicant pool reflects the high standards to which the brothers of the Chi Chapter of Delta Tau Delta hold one another accountable.

Best regards,
Professor Treber

About the Robert D. Burns Scholarship: Established in 2010 by alumni of Delta Tau Delta Fraternity in honor of professor emeritus and long-time Delta Tau Delta faculty adviser, Robert D. Burns. The income from the fund provides support to junior or senior students who are members in good standing of Delta Tau Delta Fraternity. The income shall be used to reduce the loan component in the financial aid package but not to replace any previously awarded scholarship grants or financial aid awards. In addition to financial need, preference shall be given to individuals who promote the ideals of Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, including: academic excellence, involvement in the Fraternity and Kenyon community, leadership, and strong character.