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Chi Delt has 58 alumni brothers with no mailing address on record who are not receiving copies of *The Chi Delt* like this one. Please visit [www.chidelts.com](http://www.chidelts.com) and check our list of lost brothers under "Alumni Corner" > "Lost Lists." If you find a brother you know, email his contact information to us at [alumninews@affinityconnection.com](mailto:alumninews@affinityconnection.com). Help us stay connected.

# THE CHI DELT

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## CHAPTER UPDATES

### New Pledge Class, Philanthropy Update, and More!

Dearest Brothers,

It has been a busy time for Chi Chapter and Kenyon College over the past 18 months. However, I am beyond excited to share some important and exciting news Chi Chapter has made since our last update.

This semester we accepted 17 new members (10 Sophomores and 7 Juniors) for the Fall of 2021. New members join us from local cities like New Albany, OH and Washington, D.C. and others join us from Ghana, Mexico City, and Mumbai. Pledging is going well thanks to our Guide **Nathan Junk '23**, VP **Brad Berlick '22** and our Pledge Educators **Niall Regan '22** & **Gregor Bates '22**.

Recently six alumni from the classes of 2020 and 2021, including former President **Sam Becker '20**, returned to Gambier to support Brothers during Kenyon's homecoming weekend. Actives and alumni got to hang out and relive our memories as they watched the Kenyon Football Team beat Oberlin 24-21.

In other news, Chi has continued our efforts

on the philanthropy side, continuously working with the Red Cross in blood drives as well as volunteering at local events for charity. This weekend, Brothers will volunteer at Habitat for Humanity's 5K handing out water and moving equipment for the race. We look forward to hosting parents this weekend at the Lodge for Parents' Weekend. We will hopefully have a cookout at the Lodge to show them a good time.

As the end of my term as the Alumni Relations Chair for Chi comes to an end, I wish you all a very warm and happy holiday season. We hope alumni will continue to reach out and visit when possible. Until then, be safe, be well, and have a lovely end of the year.

In X,

**Rocco Danese '23**

Alumni Relations Chair  
Chi Chapter of Delta Tau Delta

## NEW PLEDGES

### Welcome to the Newest Chi Chapter Recruits

Name	Class Year	Hometown	Major
Ian Weihe	2024	New York, NY	Economics
Joshua Logan Spiess	2023	New Albany, OH	Biochemistry
Prince Adablah	2023	Accra, Ghana	Film
Cem Tener	2023	Istanbul, Turkey	Economics
Samuel Keegan Richards	2023	Littleton, CO	Economics
William Newhart	2023	Los Angeles, CA	Drama
Cameron Cupar	2024	Avon OH	Economics and Psychology
Edward Otto Keller	2024	Winnetka, IL	English
Richard Alvarez	2024	Chicago, IL	Film
Garrett Thesing	2024	Columbus, OH	Biochemistry (pre-med)
Devon Turner	2024	Bridgewater, NJ	English
Israel Zavaleta Cepeda	2023	Mexico City, Mexico	Economics
Anav Dutt	2023	Mumbai, India	Economics
Rakkan Audeh	2024	Washington, DC	Psychology and English
Cole Garrison	2024	Ashland, OH	Undecided
Noah Althoff	2024	Harrisville, MD	Psychology
Arthur Sprainer	2024	Minneapolis, MN	English and French

# THANK YOU DONORS

## Meet the Brothers Who Give So Generously

We want to take this time to say THANK YOU to **Jim Kuhn '76**, **Jonathan Lawrence '09**, and **Jake Barnett '20** for their continued support of Chi Chapter of Delta Tau Delta over the years. We recently caught up with the guys and asked them about where life has taken them, Delta Tau Delta memories, and what Chi Chapter means to them today. Here's what they had to say.



**Jim Kuhn '76**  
**Why have you remained so dedicated to Delta Tau Delta?**

I have remained so dedicated because of love of the brotherhood/fellowship and fond memories; even after 45 years still in contact with Delt

brothers (**Robrock, Parke, Parran**).

**How has being in Delta Tau Delta changed your life?**

Understanding of the presence and power of spiritual connection through fellowship and mutual caring.

**Jonathan Lawrence '09**

**Why have you remained so dedicated to Delta Tau Delta?**

I directly benefited from, and believe in, the



*The first Doc Burns award.*

fraternity as a vehicle for peer-to-peer support enabling positive growth and reflection. I want that for future generations of students as well.

**How has being in Delta Tau Delta changed your life?**

The sense of community had an immediate impact on my well-being, this is most easily demonstrated through my GPA which rose to a 2.4 from a 3.6. Many of my most formative friendships are with my fraternity brothers; I am fortunate to live near one of my LBs, and that effect is ongoing.



*At the Cubs game with Ben Reingold '20*

**Jake Barnett '20**

**Why have you remained so dedicated to Delta Tau Delta?**

Chi chapter helped shape me into the person I am today so it feels only fair I give back now and support the chapter!

**How has being in Delta Tau Delta changed your life?**

It taught me about accountability and the importance of brotherhood. My closest friendships from Kenyon were all formed in Chi and I still remain in touch with many of my brothers.

*If you, or a brother you know, is a good candidate for an alumni profile, please email our alumni communications partner at [alumninews@affinityconnection.com](mailto:alumninews@affinityconnection.com).*

# THANK YOU

## This Giving Season, We're Grateful for You!

With the giving season upon us we want to thank each of you for your commitment to the fraternity. Whether it be through donations or time spent volunteering, we are thankful for your support in more ways than one. DTD is a brotherhood; by definition, "an association or community of people linked by a common interest." As Delta Tau Delta brothers, we share a passion for the brotherhood that contributed to our personal development, our relationships, and our lives as students and far beyond to our



roles as husbands, fathers, professionals, volunteers, neighbors, and friends.

We can't overestimate the true meaning of adding your name to the ranks of our alumni donors. Your gift to our annual fund is both a tribute to your own experience and a way to pay it forward to ongoing generations of brothers who will eventually join our alumni ranks and share in our responsibility to keep Delta Tau Delta strong.

# THE FUTURE OF FRATERNITIES

## National Looks Toward the Future with Recent Article “Evolution: Where Do We Go From Here?”

The following excerpt is from [www.deltstories.com](http://www.deltstories.com), October 2021. To view the full article, visit [www.deltstories.com](http://www.deltstories.com) → News → Brotherhood.

In today’s university environment, we often hear the question, “Are fraternities still relevant?” While the question of “relevance” may create discomfort for some, it is a fair thing to ask and important to consider. Why? Because as a Greek-letter organization, we have stated missions, value systems, and self-governing policies to which we are accountable. If we believe in these stated objectives, then we must be willing to hold ourselves accountable and accept that others will do the same. It is our professed missions and the accountability to those values that create and sustains relevance.

Since their inception, Fraternities have been intrinsically tied to universities through a shared investment in the student body. As major historical events reshaped the world of education, fraternities also adapted to the changing times. The college and university environment, along with its associated Greek-letter organizations, is a subset of society and therefore reflects its own complexities and often the need to change to fulfill students’ interests and educational objectives. In many respects, this is a reciprocating cycle where evolution is necessary to maintain relevance, and new relevance is borne out of innovative adaptations. As part of that cycle, fraternities have often held too tightly to many of their traditions and rituals – some of which date back more than a hundred years – but in other ways, they have come a long way since their origins. To really appreciate and understand the question of relevance and whether the Greek community has value today, let’s take a peek at the past and how distinct periods of time experienced change and ensured relevancy.



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Before the Revolutionary War, Latin societies existed for the purpose of scholarly debate and forum discussions. They were seen as places to engage and debate with other students on key issues such as religion and politics. Over time, secret organizations were created for those that saw benefits to more selective communities. These new organizations thrived until popular opinion shifted and students began to question the societies’ level of influence in the educational sphere. This concern spawned fraternities whose practices were public and membership less guarded. They provided a chance for a greater number of students to join and used transparency to create trust. There was also an increased emphasis on fellowship among members, as opposed to hosting scholarly debates on hot-button issues.

With the onset of the American Civil War, education as a whole was brought to an

abrupt stop, resulting in the closure of many fraternities. However, when the war ended; and many men were looking to return to college, committed brothers worked to reopen their fraternities creating a welcoming place of fellowship. There was also an increased demand for education across the country as new colleges and universities began to open, giving fraternities an opportunity to expand. Soon, there was a desire to escape the daily stressors of academia, and participation in the Greek life community was well-positioned to meet that need. Taking advantage of this momentum, fraternity members began solidifying their physical presence by renting rooms in boarding or coach houses to live with one another and host meetings. Over time, this transformed into chapters renting, then purchasing, and ultimately building their own chapter houses. Today, chapter houses are practically synonymous with Fraternity life, but when they arrived on the scene, the concept was revolutionary and marked a major milestone for Fraternities.

Together, higher education and the Greek-letter organizations continued progressing alongside one another as religious and racial diversity began to influence the cultural landscape. As an example, in the early 1900’s the popularity of fraternities on campuses across the country would continue to grow as more and more individuals attended university, and this growth resulted in the need for more centralized national governing models to guide their activities. However, this popularity would plummet with WWI and WWII, as young men were drafted into military service. With chapter houses empty, the facilities were sometimes lost, used as barracks, or taken over by universities. After the war, many students returned to continue their education, college enrollment increased, and fraternities rebounded.

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- Brothers Share How Delta Tau Delta has Impacted Their Lives
- Pondering the Future of Fraternities

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## NEW ADVISOR

### Meet Matt Dole '01, Chi Chapter's Newest Advisor



**Matt Dole '01** is the newly appointed Chapter Advisor for Chi. Brother Dole '01 is an alumnus of Epsilon Upsilon Chapter of DTD at Marietta College in Ohio. He is the President of the Epsilon Upsilon Chapter Alumni Association and works remotely from Utica, Ohio, about 20 minutes south of Kenyon.

Epsilon Upsilon's chapter advisor is Robert Ferguson who has served the Marietta Chapter for over 40 years. DTD National considers Ferguson and Doc Burns to be the two "Titans of the North."

Matt has been to a few meetings with the Chapter already and Chi very much enjoys having him as their advisor. Matt is impressed with the caliber of our Chapter and all that we do for the brotherhood, Kenyon, and the community.

We are very lucky happy to have such a qualified and dedicated brother to serve Chi as Chapter Advisor. Matt can be reached at [mattdole@gmail.com](mailto:mattdole@gmail.com).

## FROM THE UNDERGRADS

### New Members Attend Anti-Hazing Seminar

Big thanks to President **Jeff Moritz '87**, Vice Chapter Advisor **Jon Lawrence '09**, and **Jeremy Abrams '11** who led the Chi Chapter Alumni Association anti-hazing seminar for the Chapter including our 17 new members.

