



Delta Upsilon Newsletter

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Fall Semester Recap



by [James Kellerman](#), VP of Alumni Relations - Wisconsin Delta Upsilon (Class of 2026)

The fall semester for Delta Upsilon kicked off with a successful rush process. We were excited to welcome a new pledge class of fifteen new brothers. The chapter continued its philanthropy efforts through our second annual Hot Dog Eating Contest with the sorority Kappa Kappa Gamma and our haunted house event, “Delta Boopsilon”. In those combined efforts, we contributed several thousand dollars to Best Buddies and Delta Upsilon International’s Global Service Initiative. Best Buddies is a nonprofit organization dedicated to establishing a global volunteer movement that creates opportunities for one-to-one friendships, integrated employment, leadership development, and inclusive living for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

In athletics, Delta Upsilon finished their soccer season with a trip to the quarterfinals but was ultimately bested, ending their shot at back-to-back titles. The brothers also recently came in second place in the Langdon Invitational, a greek-life hockey tournament played on frozen Lake Mendota.



Photo from Langdon Invitational, where Delta Upsilon finished 2nd out of 16 teams.

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LOOKING AHEAD

Celebrating Alumni

The chapter was thrilled to bring back the annual Homecoming Alumni Tailgate. We would like to send a huge thanks to alums Peder Danielsen and Jerry Fink for sponsoring the event. Former and active members enjoyed a pig roast together while celebrating a victory over Purdue. We also celebrated the life of Wisconsin DU alum Jon Shapiro alongside his parents, who introduced a scholarship fund in honor of him.

We would also like to celebrate the lives of Craig Drugge and Mal Branch, who passed away in 2022. Brother Craig Drugge was Born in Minneapolis in 1972 and later attended college at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. It was in Madison where he met a great group of friends that he would have his entire life. After college, Craig began working for the Trane Company in Kansas City. While he loved the warmer weather in Kansas, he



Photo from 2022 Homecoming Tailgate

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longed to live back in Minnesota and was eventually transferred back to Minneapolis and the city he loved. Whether it was HVAC, technology, or pools - Craig could sell anything! Craig had a big heart, a passion for music, and a love for sports. Most of his love was reserved for his beautiful children and his amazing friends.

Mal Branch grew up in Chicago, Illinois, and always wanted to follow in his father's steps as a Naval aviator. After graduating from the University of Wisconsin, he pursued his dream. He joined the U.S.S. George Washington, which was then under construction, as the executive commander. After a stint on the U.S. flagship U.S.S. Whitney, Mal returned to the U.S.S. George Washington as its commanding officer. A framed photo of the U.S.S. George Washington remains in the chapter room to this day.

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New Executive Board

Elections were held the first week after Thanksgiving Break this year, with former President Josh Watters and the rest of the executive board passing down the reigns to our new chapter leaders. New members include Sam Shydrowski (Chicago, IL) as **President**, Jacob Boecher (St. Charles, IL) as **VP of Risk Management**, Henry Antino (Boston, MA) as **Treasurer**, Chris Olazabal (Coral Gables, FL) as **VP of Recruitment**, Will LaCamera (Boston, MA) as **VP of New Member Education**, and James Kellerman (Marin, CA) as **VP of Alumni Relations**. We congratulate and appreciate the great work done the previous executive board, and are looking forward to a successful spring semester under new leadership.

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Spring Plans

- Looking ahead to the spring semester, we are thrilled by the number of juniors within our chapter **taking the opportunity to study abroad**. We have brothers traveling across the globe, including **Copenhagen, Milan, Paris, and Barcelona**.
- We are happy to host another **Mother's Weekend** on **April 15th**, with invitations sent to mothers of our active DU brothers.
- If there are any alumni that you wish to celebrate, please contact me at jkellerman@wisc.edu, and I will be sure to include them in the next newsletter.
- Regarding alumni, We're looking forward to the **DU Dinner** that's currently scheduled for **April 28th**, with more details to come.
- We're hoping to continue the tradition of the Homecoming Alumni Tailgate, which will take place **October 7th** against Rutgers; we hope to see you all there!
- With the spring semester underway, the Delta Upsilon chapter is excited to work hard and enjoy time with each other on the frozen lake!

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