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Happy Holidays



I hope this letter finds you and your family well. Undergraduate and graduate members had a very successful year. Listed below are numerous accomplishments and news making occurrences which were made possible by a strong executive board leading the chapter. Luckily another strong group of leaders will be taking charge in January.

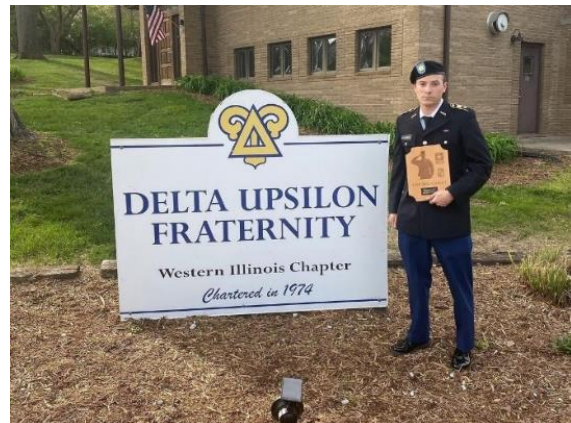


For eight weeks during the winter months of 2021 three members of the Chapter were assigned to protect the United States Capital in Washington D.C..

Thank you Treasurer, Zander E. Doan, '24, Vice President of Loss Prevention, Bailey R. Ensley, '22, and President Ryan J. Parrish, '22 for their service.



August 2021 - Christopher Gibson, '21 was awarded Delta Upsilon International Fraternity Distinguished Undergraduate Award at the annual Leadership Institute in New Orleans.



Mason Kaczmarek '22 was awarded the Western Illinois University ROTC MSIII Cadet of the Year. Currently Mason is ranked in the top 23 ROTC Cadets in the nation.



Members help with a clean-up project for the Macomb YMCA which is currently being managed by Western ΔY Col. **Michael “Mick” Cumbie**.



Once again the entire membership helped with the 10th annual WIU Annual 5K Run/Walk honoring members of the armed forces along with ΔY alumni Lt. Col. Robert Baldwin '93.



Fall 2021 members raised over \$2,600.00 during the annual Haunted Trail event. Almost doubling the amount raised Fall of 2020. Funds are donated to the Delta Upsilon's philanthropy Global Service Initiative

Members either ran the course or helped with placing U.S. flags around the campus.



Six members have been recently initiated into the Western Illinois Chapter of the Order of Omega. Membership is based on academics and leadership throughout the campus community. Bailey R. Ensley '22, Jorge A. Hernandez '21, Ryan J. Parrish '22, Mason T. Staubus '22, Travis E. Swope '22 And Sean B. Walsh '23.

CHAPTER	TOTAL APPROVED SUBMISSIONS	PERCENTAGE COMPLETED
Western Illinois	48	64%
Wisconsin	36	48%
Kansas State	19	25%
Louisville	13	17%
Wichita	12	16%
Embry-Riddle	11	15%
Missouri	9	12%
Iowa State	8	11%
Culver-Stockton	6	8%
Purdue Associate Chapter	6	8%
Central Florida	5	7%
Alberta	4	5%
Miami	4	5%
Carthage	3	4%
Florida	3	4%
Elon	2	3%
Iowa	2	3%
Loyola Marymount Associate Chapter	2	3%
Vermont	2	3%
DePauw	1	1%
Illinois	1	1%
James Madison	1	1%
Oregon	1	1%

As of the end of November the Chapter leads all other Delta Upsilon Chapter in the percent of CEPs completed. The Chapter Excellence Plan (CEP) is a reporting and planning tool that ensures each chapter is operating with meaning

and efficiency. Hopefully they will be able to complete the academic year on top of the leader board.

Chapter Officers for 2022

President - Trevor Swope '22
VP of Membership - Uchenna J. Ukaobasi '22
VP of Finance - Zander E.S. Doan '24
VP of Administration - Robert E. Younker '25
VP of Academic Excellence and Standards – Joseph C. Severino '25
VP of Recruitment - Sean B. Walsh '23
VP of External Relations – Travis E. Swope '22
VP of Loss Prevention – Joshua M. Olesen '23

Up Coming Calendar of Events

Commencement	May 14 (Hanson Field)
Family Day	Saturday, September 17
Homecoming	Saturday, October 22
50 th Anniversary	April 26, 27, 28, 2024

Alumni Update

Daniel Banahan '21

In August Dan was sworn as a police officer with the Pittsfield Police Department in Pittsfield, Illinois. On August 8 he began his career as Pittsfield Police Officers today at the Illinois State Police Training Academy.

Zachary Bischoff '19

In April was promoted to Account Manager for the Acres Group, Roselle, Illinois. Zack has been with Acres Group since January 2020.

Mark E. Blakey '05, MBA

Started a new position as Enterprise Business Architect with US Foods. Mark has been with US Foods since December 2017.

Michael A. Bork '00, MS, CPRP, CLYT

In June 2021 Mike has accepted the position of Park and Recreation District Director for the North Clackamas Park and Recreation District outside of Portland, Oregon. In addition he is the owner, consultant and educator of Laughtership, LLC an organization motivational business.

David Bremer '90

In March began a position in sales with Boca Terry: Bathrobes, Towels & Spa Accessories located in Pompano Beach, Florida.

Mark D. Bresnahan '03

May of 2020 was named Recreation Director, Town of Palm Beach, Florida. He recently got married to Jennifer Petrovich on December 4, 2021. He is also a Licensed Real Estate Agent at Scuttina Signature Real Estate Group.

Joel C. Carachure '16

On December 18, 2021 was married to Morgan Diffenderfer. They reside in Tamps, Florida.

Jake F. Castanza '11, MS

August 2021 was named Field Representative for Labors Local 32, Labors International Union of North America, Rockford, Illinois.

Daniel Clapp '19

In August 2019 became a Logistics Associate at Mondelēz International, Aurora, Colorado.

Col. Michael "Mick" Cumbie, USA Retired, in

January 2021 became the Interim Executive Director of the YMCA of McDonough County. The Cumbies had returned to Macomb this past year from Georgia where he was the Senior Director of Development at Franklin College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Georgia.

James M. Dexter '06, M.A.

In September 2020 started a new position with Walther Defense Division of Walther Arms, Inc. He is also the owner of Tactically Sound Training Center, LLC in Lisle, Illinois as we'll as serving as a Police Sergeant with the Lisle Police Department.

Jordan DeWilde '09

August of 2020 became an Art Educator with Bloomington Public Schools District 87 in Bloomington, IL. In addition, in April 2019 joined the writing team for The Art of Educating University's online magazine. Jordan is an award winning art educator receiving several national recognitions.

Matthew R. Fischer '12

In February was promoted to Senior Media Coordinator at United Soccer League (USL) in the Greater Tampa Bay Area, Florida.

Edward R. Ganzer '93

Is now a District Supervisor at Casey's. Ed was a Store Manager for Bucky's Express in the Greater Omaha area. Bucky's was recently acquired by Casey's General Stores.

**Michael J. Genovese '18**

In July Mike was sworn in as a Deputy for the Walworth County Sheriff's Office in Elkhorn, Wisconsin.

Justin D. Hall '05

In September 2021 became the Vice President of Human Resources, Program Productions, Inc., Lombard, Illinois. Program Productions is a leading provider of broad production labor services.

Garret A. Hill '05 MBA

Started a position May 2021 as a Performance Improvement Specialist at Carle Health – University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Illinois.

Clayton C. Johnsen '20

In May became a Computer Scientist is the Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division (NAWCWD), China Lake, California.

Nezar Kassem '95, DDS

Has become the Co-Chair Clinical Culture Committee, Regional Dental Director and Lead General Dentist with Elite Dental Partners of Chicago, Illinois. Nezar maintains his dental practice in Mohomet, Illinois.

Michael Kettler '11, MBA

Has been promoted to Strategic Account Manager beginning July 2021 at Honeywell Control in the Chicago Area.

Kevin R. Krieg '96

In December made a career change and is now Outage Management Support with National Information Solutions Cooperative (NISC), Lake St. Louis, Missouri. An information technology organization that develops, implements and supports software and hardware solutions for our Members/Customers. We deliver advanced solutions, services and support to more than

870 independent telephone companies, electric cooperatives and other public power entities.

Brian Piepenbrink '06

As of December 2021 is a Logistics Account Executive with Total Quality Logistics, Daytona Beach, Florida. Total Quality Logistics is one of the largest freight brokerage firms in the nation.

Dillon R. Martenson '17

In September 2020 became the Assistant Manager of Sales and Marketing, Martenson Turf Products, Inc., Waterman, Illinois.

Jeff P. Moore '04

Promoted to Lieutenant Colonel USA, on November 2021.

Sean T. Ryan '96, M.Ed.

In November 2020 became the Director of Procedures & Standards: Chicago Public Schools Office of Diverse Learner Supports & Services.

Konrad Sowizral '20

Since Fall 2020 is a part time Graduate Assistant in the Political Science Department at Western Illinois University. He is also serving as an Ordinance Officer (91A) with the United States Army after graduating from the ROTC program at WIU in 2020.

Zachary Terlep '18

Married Laura on December 30, 2020.

Andrew N. Tingley '01

Drew dropped by to visit the house and catch up on what he has been doing. Drew and his wife Rebecca are both at Gentry High School, Gentry, Arkansas where Drew is also the Head Wrestling Coach as well as the Boys Soccer and Assistant Girls Soccer Coach.

Logan E. White '16

In March began working for Dayton Freight Lines, Inc. in Rockford, IL

Shawn M. Wochner '01, MBA

In October 2021 left his position as Regional Admissions Counselor at Western Illinois University to become the College Counselor at Marian Central Catholic High School, Woodstock, Illinois.

Western ΔY Trivia?

Our alumni role includes seven Colonels or Lieutenant Colonels. They are: Robert F. Baldwin '93 USA LTC, Michael C. Cumbie USA LTC, Adam J. Dykstra '02 USA LTC, Richard Holcomb '77 USA COL, Jade P. Miller '99 USA LTC, Jeff P. Moore '04 USA LTC, and Stephen A. Tribble '90 USA LTC.



Old Composite Sale

If you have lost, or miss place your old composite or spring group photo and you are interested in a replacement we have a few available for sale. Just send a check for \$10.00 made out to Delta Upsilon Fraternity and mail to Dave Maguire, Western Illinois Delta Upsilon Alumni, Post Office Box 32, Macomb, Illinois 61455.

In brackets behind the academic year are the number of photos available.

Small Individual Composite

1998-99 (1)	2011-12 (35)
1992-93 (2)	2014-15 (4)
2003-04 (12)	2015-16 (14)
2004-05 (17)	2016-17 (10)
2005-06 (20)	2017-18 (13)
2006-07 (24)	2018-19 (15)
2007-08 (42)	2019-20 (13)
2008-09 (58)	2020-21 (12)
2009-10 (56)	

Spring Chapter Group Photo

2004 (7)	2007 (1)
2005 (12)	2008 (9)
2006 (10)	



Alumni Chapter Officers

President	Jorge A. Hernandez '21
Vice President	Bruce E. Peterson '74
Secretary	Logan B. Davies '21
Treasurer	Dave Maguire, SILL '73

Alumni Corporation Officers and Board Members

President	David P. Abernathy '83
Vice President	Bill A. Hipkins '94
Secretary	Kenneth M. Lukaszek '88
Treasurer	Dave Maguire, SILL '73
Asst. Treasurer	Derek L. Gorsuch '12
Director	Logan B. Davies '21
Trustee	Bruce E. Peterson '74
Chapter President	Trevor J. Swope '22
Chapter Treasurer	Zander E. Doan '24

Chapter Advisors

Dr. Thomas J. Cody
Logan B. Davies '21
Stewart Ferrell '97
Derek L. Gorsuch '12
Katrone L. Gorsuch
Randy "RJ" Larson '21
Dave Maguire, SIU '73
Bruce E. Peterson '74
Thomas W. Shogren '75



Alumni Contribution Form

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

I would like to make the following contribution to the Western Illinois Delta Upsilon Alumni.

_____ \$25.00 Annual Alumni Dues

In addition I would like to donate the following amount to the following:

_____ I would like to donate \$ _____ to the Famighette Scholarship Fund

_____ I would like to donate \$ _____ to the Alumni Corporation (Property Improvement)

_____ I would like to donate \$ _____ to the Undergraduate RLA Fund (Regional Leadership Academy)

Mail this form and your check to: Western Illinois Delta Upsilon Alumni, Post Office Box 32, Macomb, Illinois 61455. Remember you can also donate online (WIUDU.com)

Dear ΔY Alumni,

Well, it is almost here. That's right, the year 2021 is nearing its inevitable and tumultuous end. As it has been a difficult year for all reading this, know that it has also been a very rough path to navigate for the undergraduate chapter. As President of your Alumni Corporation, I wanted to let the WIU ΔY alumni know that despite all of the obstacles 2021 and the COVID-19 pandemic wrought upon us, the undergraduate chapter persevered and succeeded. While I can't say our Chapter finances are strong, this semester's efforts by the undergraduates have put us in a much better financial position in order to meet our obligations.

It might behoove us as alumni to at least recognize the undergraduates efforts by sending a quick note or, better yet, include a small donation to the Chapter (yearly required alumni dues are \$25.00). Take care and Happy Holidays everyone. Best wishes for a great 2021.

Sincerely, David Abernathy
Alumni Corporation President

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