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STRONG RECRUITMENT EFFORT ADDS 44 NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Educational Foundation Campaign Goes Public

Chapter Update

Coming off a strong summer and formal recruitment effort that added 44 new associate members to the roster, the chapter is prepared for another school year. The chapter entered the year with nearly 170 members, the third largest of all fraternities on campus. Strong spring semester performances in grades and philanthropy, along with extensive member participation in leadership programming over the summer, positions the chapter for future success.



Another key development over the summer was the hiring of a new live-in house director. We are excited to report that Mark Gentry was hired to fill this extremely important role. Mark is a 1978 graduate of Mississippi State University who spent his career in investment banking and as an owner operator of a wholesale/retail fishing-supply company.

Upon his retirement in 2016, Mark began working as a house director. He has experience at three different fraternities on three different campuses: Mississippi State, the University of Oklahoma, and Mizzou. Mark brings great life experience and an extremely engaging personality to the role, and we consider ourselves very fortunate to have him. You can contact Mark at markgentry626@gmail.com.

Ignite the Charge Campaign

On August 6, the Delta Upsilon Educational Foundation (DUEF) publicly announced a \$6 million campaign to expand and increase educational programming for DU undergraduates across North America. Nearly \$4 million has already been raised in the private phase. Many of you were generous donors to our campaign to build a new chapter house. That is obviously one critical piece of the puzzle and is essential to the viability of our chapter; beyond that, however, it is the programming and development of our members that lies at the core of our mission.

Tax-deductible donations to the campaign can be made for the direct benefit of the Missouri Chapter. We will be communicating additional details in the coming months, but you should know that donor receptions will be held in St. Louis (April 2023) and Kansas City (August 2023) where you will have a chance to hear about

this opportunity in person. In the meantime, you can go to deltatau.org/ignitethecharge for additional information. I am honored to serve as the campaign chairman and would be happy to engage with you personally.



Celebration Plans

Lastly, we are still planning an official naming rights celebration regarding the completion of the housing campaign. With the chapter shutdown and then COVID, it has been a challenge. We thank you for your patience and are committed to see this accomplished soon.

Fraternally,
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“ WHY THEY JOINED ”

Paul Berra '26

“When I visited them last year, I was treated like I was one of their brothers. They are all really cool guys and very accepting. They have great values that allow you to have a fun experience in college as well as keeping a good GPA.”

Alex Toney '26

“Throughout recruitment, I felt that it was the perfect environment for me to continue my education and mature. The guys made me feel like I would fit right in, and I am excited to leave a positive legacy at DU.”

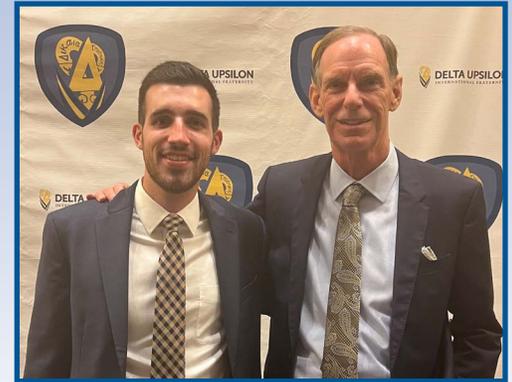
JACK BELL '22 NAMED OUTSTANDING UNDERGRADUATE FINALIST HARD WORK PAYS OFF

Jack Bell '22 was recognized as a finalist for Delta Upsilon's top undergraduate award at the Leadership Institute in Orlando, Florida, on August 6. Jack was one of four undergraduates selected for this honor from a group of over 3,500 students.

Jack graduated in May with a degree in mechanical engineering and a cumulative GPA of 3.83. He was included on the High Dean's List each semester. Jack, son of **Jerry Bell '83**, joined the chapter when we returned to campus in fall 2018. He was one of the new chapter's first executive board members, serving in several capacities including chapter president.

Under Jack's leadership, the chapter grew from zero to 160 members in four years. Beyond DU, Jack was heavily involved in Veritas, a Christian student ministry. He led two Fraternity/Sorority service trips to Jamaica. Jack is living in Columbus, Ohio, where he works for Kiewit Corporation, one of North America's most respected engineering and construction organizations.

Hear Jack's thoughts on this recognition at youtu.be/AtwVCKDBY3w?t=47. You can contact Jack at jdbell215@gmail.com.



*Jack Bell '22 and Bruce McKinney '74
at LI in Orlando.*

Recruitment with the Newest DU Generation

Why Brian Hinck '16 Is Proud to Help the Team

No Fraternity chapter can succeed without organization and commitment, especially from those alumni who support their brotherhood long after college. When presented with the opportunity, **Brian Hinck '16** was proud to join the chapter advisory board. As an advisor, Brian mentors the recruitment team so new initiates can have a great college experience with DU, just like he did.

AN OPEN MIND

Brian's Delta Upsilon experience started through the legacy connections of his brother, father, and uncle, though family ties weren't the only reason he joined the brotherhood. As he spent time around DU brothers, he appreciated their ability to provide a great learning environment while still having fun.

"I wanted to make sure I was making the decision for the entire Fraternity experience and what DU had to offer," Brian said. "I knew I wanted to get involved in Greek life. I had an older brother that was in the house, but he encouraged me to still look around and keep my mind open. DU just felt a lot more like a brotherhood to me; there were a lot of guys that were all very different but extremely close."

CONTRIBUTING TO THE BROTHERHOOD

Homecoming nights, decorating campus, and Greek Week skit and dance are all memories that Brian fondly recalls from his undergraduate years, as those included sharing a sense of pride and accomplishment with his brothers. The day-to-day experience of living around a group of close friends also kept him in high spirits as he earned his business finance degree.

As an active member, Brian did his part in growing the brotherhood as recruitment chairman. He enjoyed learning on the fly as he met new members through recruitment, and looking back, Brian recognizes how similar the role is to a sales position.

BRINGING IT INTO A CAREER

After graduating, Brian began working at a bank as a credit analyst before becoming a business development relationship manager. In

this role, Brian identifies potential clients to bring new business to his bank, then serves as a relationship manager once that business is on board.

"As I've been out of school and moved in to more of an outside sales role, I think that being able to get outside of my comfort zone and reach out to people I don't know while trying to get my foot in the door and demonstrate value ... all of that has been extremely relevant to my career."



NEW PERSPECTIVES

Brian's experience as recruitment chairman made him a great candidate to serve on the chapter advisory board and to work with the active chapter to facilitate their recruitment efforts. Though things have changed a bit since Brian was an active member, he appreciates the chance to see things from a different angle.

"It's given me a little bit more perspective on the changing ways in which the younger generation communicates. It has helped me to realize the different points of view that everyone is coming in with and the different points of view that the current recruitment chairmen have."

LASTING CONNECTIONS

The opportunity to stay connected and have an impact on the active chapter has been fulfilling for Brian, and he is always glad to see when something clicks for undergraduates. Brian himself had many mentors throughout college, and he is proud to have the chance to give back as an alumnus.

In his spare time, Brian keeps contact with alumni brothers through a group chat and fantasy football. The brothers get together a couple times each year when possible, including important events like weddings. You can connect with Brian at bhinck@gmail.com.

"You can get caught up on the small details; it's helpful to have someone to pull it back, look at the big picture, and make sure we're focusing on the right things."

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

Jackson Adamec

St. Louis, Mo.
St. John Vianney High School

Carson Agee

Libertyville, Ill.
Libertyville High School

Paul Berra

St. Louis, Mo.
St. John Vianney High School

Jack Betlach

Foristell, Mo.
Francis Howell High School

Asa Bridges

Kansas City, Mo.
Staley High School

Carter Campbell

Kirkwood, Mo.
Kirkwood High School

Jens Christianson

Edina, Minn.
Edina High School

Colin Connor

St. Louis, Mo.
Clayton High School

Ian Cooper

Wadsworth, Ill.
Deerfield High School

Jaden Decota

St. Louis, Mo.
Lindbergh High School

Aidan Duffy

Kansas City, Mo.
Staley High School

Jack Duffy

Kansas City, Mo.
Staley High School

Zack Hardage

St. Louis, Mo.
Kirkwood High School

Ben Hess

Kansas City, Mo.
St. Pius High School

Logan Heurtin

Lee's Summit, Mo.
Lee's Summit West High School

Luke Higgins

St. Louis, Mo.
St. John Vianney High School

Seth Hoffman

Marshall, Mo.
Marshall High School

Aiden Houston

St. Louis, Mo.
Lindbergh High School

Josh Jayne

Kansas City, Mo.
Rockhurst High School

Ryan Juengel

St. Louis, Mo.
St. John Vianney High School

Ahron Kahn

St. Peters, Mo.
Francis Howell Central High School

Jason Klassen*

Lee's Summit, Mo.
Blue Springs South High School
(Brother **Jack Klassen '24**)

Carson Lindley

Vernon Hills, Ill.
Vernon Hills High School

Charlie McGraw

St. Louis, Mo.
Kirkwood High School

Jack Miromonti+

Wildwood, Mo.
DeSmet Jesuit High School/
University of Indiana

Blake Moncayo

Vernon Hills, Ill.
Vernon Hills High School

Thomas Murray

St. Charles, Mo.
Duchesne High School

Nick Nava

St. Louis, Mo.
Oakville High School

Michael Neaf

St. Louis, Mo.
Lindbergh High School

Ethan Ormson

Cottleville, Mo.
Francis Howell High School

Ben Osterholt

O'Fallon, Mo.
Fort Zumwalt West High School

Drew Penniston

Blue Springs, Mo.
Blue Springs South High School

Jakob Phillips

Libertyville, Ill.
Libertyville High School

Will Picha

St. Louis, Mo.
St. John Vianney High School

Quin Savlin

Lee's Summit, Mo.
Lee's Summit West High School

Jack Scott

Kansas City, Mo.
Staley High School

Drew Settlemoir

Defiance, Mo.
Francis Howell High School

Landon Sollars

Kansas City, Mo.
Staley High School

Connor Stauss

Webster Groves, Mo.
Webster Groves High School

Alex Toney

Kansas City, Mo.
St. Pius High School

Mark Trelo+

Naperville, Ill.
Neuqua Valley High School/
Western Michigan University

Blake Walter

Dardenne Prairie, Mo.
Francis Howell High School

Jack Wilmoth

Chesterfield, Mo.
St. Louis University High School

Andrew Wuebbling

Webster Groves, Mo.
Webster Groves High School

*Legacy

+Sophomores

New Associate Member Statistics

Total New Members: 44

42 Freshmen
2 Sophomores (Transfers)
1 Legacy

Locations

St. Louis: 24
Kansas City: 12
Missouri (Other): 1
Chicago: 6
Out of State (Other): 1

ACT Score of 30 or Higher: 6**Average High School GPA: 3.65**

University Average: 3.50



Have You Updated Your Information?

Tell Us What You've Been Up to!

This issue of *The Duck Call* includes a bio update insert. Please review the information we currently have for you; if it has changed or if we are missing any, please fill out the form and return it to us as soon as possible. You have the option of mailing the form back via USPS or returning it digitally. Check the insert for more detailed instructions.

We would also like to hear about what you've been up to! News items about you and your Missouri Chapter brothers could be included in an alumni news section of our next newsletter.



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DU DEVELOPMENTS

Recent Events, Achievements, and More

The following are some highlights since our last newsletter in spring 2022.

PHILANTHROPY

The chapter raised over \$2,000 during the second semester for DU's Global Services Initiative. GSI is a program that sends undergraduates to Jamaica and/or urban areas to immerse themselves in the culture and provide manual labor for various construction projects within the community. The chapter also took first place in two sorority philanthropies: Alpha Phi's soccer tournament and Pi Beta Phi's volleyball tournament.

GRADES

The chapter finished the spring semester with a GPA of 3.21, which was above the all-male and all-Fraternity averages. DU had 70 members make the Dean's List, the third most of all fraternities on campus.

DUIF LEADERSHIP PROGRAMMING

Ten undergraduate members attended the Delta Upsilon Leadership Institute (LI) on August 4-6 in Orlando, Florida. The chapter was recognized for recruiting 51 new members in 2021-22, one of the largest recruitment classes of any chapter in North America. **Jack Bell '22** was recognized as

an Outstanding Undergraduate finalist, one of just four such recipients out of DU's 3,500 members.

Earlier in the summer, **Nolan Radecky '25** and **Sean Walsh '25** attended the Delta Upsilon Emerging Leaders (DUEL) conference. DUEL is an intensive one-week leadership course consisting of about 30 undergraduates from across North America. It is held at Williams College in Massachusetts, where the first DU chapter was founded.

RECRUITMENT

Our summer and formal recruitment program resulted in 44 new associate members. The average GPA was above the university average. Six members had an ACT of 30 or greater. A summary profile is provided along with the names, hometowns, and high schools attended. Special thanks to VP of Recruitment **Jacob Craig '24** and his team for a job well done.

NEW MEMBER PINNING CEREMONY

This event was held on Monday evening, September 5. The associate member education program began the next day and will last eight weeks, culminating in the initiation ceremony on Saturday, October 29.

UPCOMING EVENTS

This fall will be packed with activities, several of which include:

OCTOBER

- 1 Georgia Game
Alumni tailgate at the chapter house
- 22 Homecoming
Partnered with Delta Gamma
- 29 Initiation

NOVEMBER

- 4-6 Kentucky Game
Dad's Weekend

Please drop by if you are ever in Columbia. We would love to see you!

Fraternally,
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Missouri DUs at the DUIF Leadership Conference in Orlando.