



# The DUCK CALL

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## CHAPTER LEGACY PLAN GAINING MOMENTUM AND SHOWING RESULTS

*Over \$180,000 Pledged to Date!*

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Congrats to Will Mason '24

Two years ago, Delta Upsilon Educational Foundation announced the \$6 million *Ignite the Charge* campaign to expand and increase educational programming for DU undergraduates across North America. As a part of this campaign, the **Missouri Chapter Legacy Plan** was created so alumni can make tax-deductible donations for the direct benefit of Missouri Chapter undergraduates. Providing annual coaching and training is critical for strengthening the culture and sustainability of the chapter.

Currently, the chapter must fund educational programming out of yearly cash flow. The Missouri CLP is an endowment fund that will lessen the burden on the undergraduates. Our goal is to have a CLP of roughly \$300,000, which would fund 25 scholarships and one chapter retreat each year. Donor receptions were held in St. Louis and Kansas City last year to gauge initial interest. Thus far, the response has been encouraging. In fact, pledges from 25 donors currently exceed \$180,000!

The benefits of this initiative are already being seen. On March 2, the entire chapter participated in a daylong session at Memorial Union known as the Building Better Men Retreat. The session was organized by Chapter Advisory Board Chairman **Jeff Kreutz '99** and facilitated by **Kody Rother, North Dakota '09** of DUIF's leadership staff. The program focuses on creating chapter buy-in to a shared plan of action. This will become an annual event and was all made possible through a recent CLP gift from Brother **Bob Doyle '71**.

### Time Is Running Out to Contribute!

Communications will be coming your way as we build to the **campaign's close on June 30, 2024**. In the meantime, you can go to [deltau.org/ITCMissouri](http://deltau.org/ITCMissouri) for additional information. I am honored to serve as the campaign chairman and would be happy to engage with you personally.

Fraternally,

**E. Bruce McKinney '74**

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*Kody Rother, North Dakota '09 (right) with the chapter for the Building Better Men Retreat.*

## Thank You, Chapter Legacy Plan Donors!

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\*Does not include another  
\$10,000 donated to the  
Housing Fund!

# DEVELOPING OUR MEN

## DU GROWS IN MEMBERSHIP AND INSIGHT

I am delighted to share some highlights since our last update in the fall. Delta Upsilon completed the fall semester with a 3.2 GPA, which is above the all-fraternity and all-male averages.

### Recruitment and Initiations

Building on the strong fall recruitment class, we initiated 36 new brothers into our membership. The ceremony was held on November 5 at Memorial Union and is pictured on page 3; **Thomas Crippen '23** delivered the charge. Recruitment continued this spring with seven new members who were initiated on April 7. Learn more about them on page 4.

### Leadership Updates

New officer elections were held in late November, and Advisory Board Chairman **Jeff Kreutz '99** organized a new officer retreat in January. I participated in the Delta Upsilon International Fraternity President's Academy and the Association of Fraternal Leadership and Values



*Jeff Kreutz, '99 and new chapter officers at the January chapter house retreat.*

conference, both of which were held in Indianapolis. During my time at AFLV, I met with other chapter presidents from around the nation. The event provided valuable opportunities for leadership development and networking, enriching our efforts to strengthen our Fraternity at Mizzou.

In February, the chapter executive board and other interested members (13 in total) participated in DUIF's Regional Leadership Academy held in Kansas City. This program is designed to help new officers understand their roles and expectations.

### Greek Week

DU teamed up this year with Tri Delta and Lambda Kappa Alpha. On the sports side, our team took first, second, and third place in sand volleyball, "mystery sport," and basketball, respectively. Our team donated over 1,400 cans to the Food Bank of Central Missouri and collected over \$1,000 in donations; more than 100 members donated to the blood drive as well. Finally, we participated in Skit and Dance in front of thousands of students in Jesse Hall.

Brother **Will Mason '24** was selected as a Royalty candidate, one of only five fraternity members to receive such an honor.

### Pay a Visit

Please drop by the chapter house if you ever get back to Columbia. We'd love to see you!

Fraternally,

**Ryan Juengel '26**

Chapter President

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*Greek Week Sand Volleyball!*

# CHAPTER OFFICERS FOR 2024

President

**Ryan Juengel '26**

*St. Louis, Mo.*

VP of Administration

**Blake Walter '26**

*Dardenne Prairie, Mo.*

VP of External Relations

**Connor Stauss '26**

*Webster Groves, Mo.*

VP of Risk Management

**Jack Wilmoth '26**

*Chesterfield, Mo.*

VP of Recruitment

**Zack Hardage '26**

*St. Louis, Mo.*

missouridu.recruitment@gmail.com

VP of Member Education

**Jens Christianson '26**

*Edina, Minn.*

VP of Academic Excellence

**Logan Heurtin '26**

*Lee's Summit, Mo.*

VP of Finance

**Seth Hoffman '26**

*Marshall, Mo.*

Social Chairman

**Charlie McGraw '26**

*St. Louis, Mo.*

Brotherhood Chairman

**Tim Thouvenot '26**

*St. Louis, Mo.*

# WELCOME, FALL 2023 INITIATES!



*Our fall 2023 initiates at Memorial Union.*

## ALUMNI UPDATES

### CHAPTER ETERNAL

**David B. Moody '65** – January 27, 2024

**Larry M. Purvis '72** – September 13, 2023

### ALUMNI NEWS

**E. Bill Growth '67** lives in St. Louis, Mo., and still tailgates with **John Ehrlick '67** in Lot C on game days. "Been doing it since 1981. Come by if you're in the area!" Email: bill.groth67@gmail.com

**Robert F. Bokern '79** is a financial advisor and managing director at Ameriprise Financial with 40 years of experience in the business. He lives in St. Louis, Mo. Email: rbokern@ampf.com

## CONGRATS TO WILL MASON '24 ON HIS GREEK WEEK ROYALTY NOMINATION!

### Will Mason



**Chapter:** Delta Upsilon

**Major:** Accounting

**Hometown:** St. Louis, MO

**Theme Song of Your Gameshow:**

Billie Jean

**Favorite Thing About Greek Week:**

Being able to see just how much the Greek community can accomplish every single year!

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**WELCOME,  
SPRING 2024  
ASSOCIATE  
MEMBERS**



Fall 2023 Semester GPA: **3.28**  
University All-Male GPA: **3.16**

**Logan Boyd '27**  
St. Louis, Mo.  
Parkway West

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St. Charles, Mo.  
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RECORD!**

*Did this newsletter not make it to your preferred address?*

*Are you preparing to move?*

*Not sure you're on the Missouri Chapter of Delta Upsilon email list?*

*Have a life update you'd like shared in a future newsletter?*

Shoot a message to [updatemyrecord@penningtonco.com](mailto:updatemyrecord@penningtonco.com) with "DU MU Update" in the subject line with your update and we'll record it for next time.



*Spring 2024 associate members at their pledge pinning ceremony.*