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The Delta Penn



Pennsylvania Delta Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon University of Pennsylvania
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A HOMECOMING TO REMEMBER

As We Approach Penn Delta's 120th Anniversary

Our chapter, Penn Delta, is Sigma Phi Epsilon's oldest chapter in continuous existence, and we will mark our 120th Anniversary in March, 2024.

We have a 5 to 6 month celebration planned, beginning with our Homecoming at 4028 Walnut Street, after the Penn-Cornell football game in Franklin field on November 4th and concluding with our Raymond C. McCron New York City undergraduate/alumni gathering in the spring.

This year, our Homecoming will witness the announcement by **Doug Roberts, '83**, of a memorial scholarship for Penn SigEps to commemorate the life of Doug's late son Alex, known to his friends as "ARob," who died in 2021.

ARob led a singular and inspiring life while attending his boarding high school which saw his participation on both JV (including a stint as Co-Captain) and on the Varsity team, during his four year stay at Blair Academy in northern New Jersey.

Alex was an active community service participant in many youthful causes and events, was an Eagle Scout, and a close friend of many of his classmates.

He attended the University of Pittsburgh and was posthumously initiated into our chapter at Pitt, Pennsylvania Gamma.

Doug and his family decided to create a scholarship fund at the Sigma Phi Epsilon Educational Foundation in Richmond to benefit Penn Delta undergraduates and all students in our chapter at Pitt to apply as well.

Alex's big sister, Elizabeth, who went to Penn and joined Kappa Alpha Theta, will join other members of Alex's family at the House on Homecoming after the game to inaugurate the "Alex Roberts Scholarship Fund."

Refreshments and hors d'oeuvres will be served under the careful watch and enthusiastic participation of our chapter, **Yash Mahajan, '25**, being "in charge." We have been informed that the chapter's a cappella group might even be prevailed upon to sing, perhaps "for their supper."

Several alumni from Doug's era have already said that they will be with us on November 4th--and as a result of this being our first Homecoming after Covid, we anticipate the presence of several other alumni, as well.

Per Doug's request, this will be a celebratory occasion.

Several members of the Pennsylvania Delta Foundation alumni board have already voiced their intention to augment the corpus of the Alex Roberts Scholarship Fund. Others of us may wish to do so, too.

Further, by announcing the first Penn Delta undergraduate recipient of an Alex Roberts Scholarship at this spring's McCron dinner in New York City, we will have effectively "book-ended" our 120th Anniversary observances.

If anyone has a question, please feel welcome to email Pennsylvania Delta Foundation president Brett Danko at brett@brettdanko.com.

The Philly/NJ alumni crew and our current undergrads look forward to seeing many of y'all after the game at the House on November 4th.

Undergrads Take on Miami

Alexander Chinea hosted the undergrad brothers in Miami, he talks about his experience with the brothers and what his hope from this trip is. Check out what he had to say below and the pictures from the trip!

I had a blast hosting all of these guys down south, and it was an awesome experience. Seventeen brothers attended, including a lot of our newest members. My hope with this was to promote the closeness of our brotherhood, and to encourage members to live in the Chapter House when they are eligible (since the people on the trip are the ones who would be living there next year).



L-R: Krunal Patel, Henry Putney, Jamaal Spence, Yash Mahajan, Chris Wun



L-R: Chris Wun, Krunal Patel, Jamaal Spence, Yash Mahajan, Anish Pothireddy



L-R: Coleman Wampler, Mason Lumer, Ishaan Hardaway, Victor Lobelo, Jamaal Spence, Yash Mahajan



L-R: Anish Pothireddy, Jamaal Spence, Yash Mahajan



L-R: Yash Mahajan, Jamaal Spence

Penn Delta Sends Hefty Delegation to August's Conclave

Penn Delta dispatched its largest “delegation” to the Fraternity’s 59th bi-annual Conclave in hot, hot San Antonio this past August--3 undergrads and 4 alumni.

For those who may need a refresher about the purposes of SigEp Conclaves, it’s helpful to know that the Grand Chapter’s by-laws call for a national, bi-annual gathering where current undergraduates and district governors consider legislation and elect national officers and a national board of directors (including 3 undergrad directors) to guide SigEp for the ensuing 2 years.

In a historic note, in 1906, in conjunction with our chapter at Jefferson Medical College, what was then the Delta Delta chapter (now Penn Delta) hosted the first Conclave held outside of Richmond.

Each chapter in the Fraternity is invited to send an undergraduate and alternate delegate to participate in the Grand Chapter legislative body to consider two year’s worth of governing legislation.

Our delegate this year was **Victor Lobelo, ’26**, from Denver and our alternative delegate was **Reagan McGill, ’26**, from Easton, PA. Together, Victor and Reagan represented Penn Delta undergrads on legislative committees which reviewed proposed legislation and resolutions and, after an affirmative committee vote, the proper paperwork was distributed to the larger Grand Chapter for a vote, very

much akin to the procedure used in U.S. House of Representatives

A third undergraduate, **Alan Raskin, ’26**, from upstate New York also attended Conclave and spent time observing legislative sessions and also attending various seminars for undergrads which were designed to coach or mentor future undergraduate leaders.

Further, Pennsylvania Delta Foundation president **Brett Danko, ’90**, was invited to present an undergraduate seminar on financial planning. As Brett explained, he was basing his presentation on an enlarged theme of “Sound Mind, Sound Body and Sound Finances,” reflective of one of the purposes of the Fraternity. Reports from the Conclave have it that Brett’s presentation was as relevant as it was eye-opening for the undergrads who had the good “cents” to attend.

Upon his return to the chapter, Delegate Victor Lobelo told the Delta Penn reporter, “Conclave to me was more than just a spectacular opportunity, it was a life-changing reunion for which I will forever be grateful. The substance I gained is beyond what words might describe, and what I took away most was a deeper appreciation of giving. Giving to fellow brothers, giving to friends and family, giving to one’s community and living Virtue, Diligence, and Brotherly Love in all that I do.

“Some said it was an opportunity to expand our individual SigEp networks, and that

doesn’t quite do my experience sufficient justice. Attending Conclave was a blessing and an honor, for I met so many unique, accomplished, and genuine brothers of what is not “just an organization,” but a true family.”

Alternate delegate Reagan McGill added, “Conclave opened my eyes and heart to the world of SigEp beyond Pennsylvania Delta. I had the opportunity to meet and learn from SigEp undergrads and wonderful alumni belonging to successful chapters from around the nation. Victor, Alan, and I left San Antonio excited to better our chapter with the information, conversations and experiences we shared.”

Our 3 undergrads reported that one of the most significant Conclave legislative moments involved an overwhelming display of support for SigEp’s Mental Health Initiative. Enabling legislation passed unanimously--and with a standing ovation, no less--to name The Reflect Organization, a national programmatic and service-learning SigEp partner. Reflect is a mental wellness, not-for-profit organization founded by Penn Delta Brother **Jared Fenton, ’17**, and inspired by Penn Delta older Brother **Tony Krumbhaar, ’12**, which will augment the evolution of SigEp’s Balanced Man Brotherhood Development Program via its peer-to-peer, mental wellness programming.

Our Fraternity’s next Conclave will be held in August, 2025, in Tampa, Florida. See you there?

CONRAD EBERSTEIN '65

A thank you from Conrad Eberstein '65

Over 100 Penn Delta undergrads and alumni--as well as about 15 alumni from metro New York City chapters--gathered at our annual spring McCron Penn Club get-together and participated in recognizing my 80th birthday.

I deeply appreciate the SPeCial acknowledgment and it was thrilling to see so many of "us."

Over the years, my primary SigEp emphasis has been on our undergrads. If they nurture lasting friendships within the chapter, we alumni will have done what we are here for, over and beyond our own personal friend-

ships, brotherhood experiences and cherished memories.

I am still "kvelling" to have met such a vibrant and caring Penn Delta chapter. Our undergrads measure up and for the first time in my memory, 3 of them will represent the chapter at Conclave in (balmy?) San Antonio next week.

A big, fat Greek "Thank you" to the entire alumni body for the support of so many of you over the years . . . as I begin to "fade away," I know that Pennsylvania Delta Foundation president **Brett Danko, '90**, and many other alumni volunteers will carry on and sup-

port our chapter of character and brains.

The kids "survived" Covid. In itself, that's most satisfying . . . and to me, they demonstrated that if they put their minds to it and if they "do it right," they can achieve anything.

Hooray for our side !

A personal note, please:- if anyone might want to be in touch, my email is cje1901@AOL.COM. If you were a member of the chapter back in the early 60's, and especially if your last name begins with "Ca," "Vo," "Ra," or "Wo" please (please) drop me a line.

KARL ACHENBACH, JR '57

"True brothers and lifelong friends"

Karl Achenbach Jr '57 remembers many funny stories from his time in the Sigma Phi Epsilon house, including ones that can't be repeated.

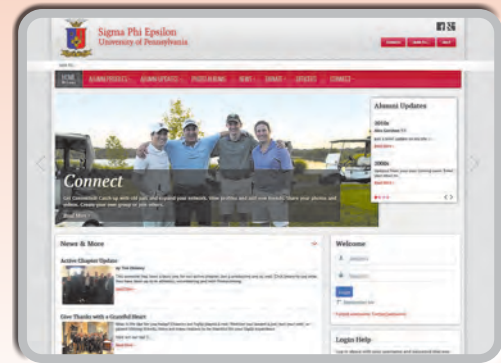
One story that Karl remembers fondly is "the day we forgot to tell Marshall we had a Rabbi coming for dinner and he had pork for dinner. He served us hot dogs for weeks."

Karl said that people like Marshall the house chef and Baker the house man were Sigma Phi Epsilon icons at the time, along with "Regani for singing" and "Dan for drinking."

Other things that he noted the house was known for included ping pong, pool, the "window peeping dental house next door," and, of course, "great food, good academics, and great brotherhood."

The list of Karl's friends from his SigEp days is extensive—**Ed Lesser '55, John Stadtmueller '57, Fred Smith '57, Clarke Glennon '55, Ron Sloat '57, Bob Davidson, Ken Lorenz '56, Bob Johnson '55, Bob Ragaina, Vince Rettew '55, and George Kilpatrick**, to name a few.

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