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Kansas DU Annual Campaign Status At-A-Glance

81 Loyal Donors in 2013
\$19,175 Dollars Raised in 2013
\$237 Average Gift in 2013

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Frerker Named 2014 Distinguished Alumnus

Each year the makeup of the Kansas DU Fraternity changes thanks to the constant stream of new pledges and cosmetic changes to the house. However, there are traditions of DU that continue on over the years and create the everlasting legacy we are so proud to be a part of. For **Phil Frerker '93**, the qualities of DU that made his time at KU so special are still alive for the current undergraduates. "The KU DU Fraternity is still a very relevant institution. It helps students have a more enriched college experience, in an environment that encourages them to do their best while still having time for fun."



placed on being involved in the Chapter and university by serving as president, VP public relations, VP alumni relations, secretary, and Rock Chalk director for DU, while also participating in campus organizations like New Student Orientation and Student Senate. Phil appreciates these experiences even today, saying, "They gave me opportunities to work with people who had different perspectives and ideas, while still trying to achieve a common goal."

Phil serves as the merchandise director for Hallmark Gold Crown stores, where he is accountable for the merchandise strategy and execution of a range of products in over 2,400 retail stores in North America. He was recently awarded the 2014 Distinguished Alumnus Award, an honor he felt undeserving of, but is honored to receive.

Phil knows that the house and fraternity he so dearly loves will continue on its path of excellence in the coming

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Come celebrate with Phil on May 3 and RSVP today!

<http://kansasdu.kintera.org/2014alumnibanquet>

THIRTY ACTIVE MEMBERS ACHIEVE 3.25 GPA OR HIGHER

Congratulations to the following brothers who won a Lloyd Houston Scholarship in 2013. Gifts in support of this valuable scholarship program can be made out to KU Endowment Association (memo: Lloyd Houston Scholarship Fund), and mailed to The Kansas University Endowment Association, P.O. Box 928, Lawrence, KS 66044.

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LOYAL ALUMNI, WE THANK YOU

We wish to thank all those who have supported the annual campaign. Alumni who have contributed to the 2013 appeals are listed by graduation year under the appropriate giving levels. (Note: this list does not reflect donations to the capital campaign.) A complete list of lifetime annual giving can be found on the website at www.kansasdu.com.

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If an error has been made in recording your gift, or your name has been mistakenly omitted or listed improperly, we sincerely apologize. Please send corrections to the Kansas Chapter of Delta Upsilon, P.O. Box 1611, Lawrence, KS 66044. Thank you, again, for giving back to the Chapter—it truly does make a difference!

Phillip F. Hagan, M.D. '81
Michael J. Snodgrass '89
Grant O. Kaufman '92
Kurtis S. Rhoden '92
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HOMECOMING 2013: ONE TO REMEMBER



DU alumni, undergraduates, and friends enjoy Homecoming 2013 at the DU house.

While the KU football team turned in a miserable performance at their Homecoming game, Kansas DU posted an impressive win with a tremendous Homecoming event at the Chapter House on a gorgeous Saturday. It was a strong team effort! Here are a few highlights of our efforts and successes:

- By all estimates, more than 200 alumni visited the Chapter House throughout the day, including alumni from the '50s through the '00s; brothers from the early '80s, early '90s, and the '00s had particularly strong showings.
- Visitors were treated to brunch in the morning and a delicious post-game meal of burgers, dogs, and chicken complete with ample sides and dessert prepared by the DU chef.
- A third-party caterer served drinks via a cash bar, and a DJ provided tunes.
- Everyone seemed to have a great time! I observed lots of handshakes, laughter, and hugs.

I owe a huge thanks to **Dan Keating '08** for organizing the splendid event! A special thanks to Housemother Judy Carpenter, chef Nathan and his assistant, Kim, Chapter President **Patrick Smith '15**, House Managers **Spencer Green '16** and **Hal McCoy '15**, **Rod Barleen '97**, and **Eric Gustavson '87** for their part in making a special day. And thanks to the rest of you for stopping by, wishing us well, and being supportive of our efforts.

We're on a mission to make friends, and I think we made lots of friends at the event. It was another good day to be a Kansas DU!

Fraternally,
Grant Kaufman '92
President Educational Foundation
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SEAN BIGGS '98 REMEMBERED WITH BIGGSTEPS ANNUAL 5K

Sean Biggs '98 was an exceptional DU brother who graduated from KU with a bachelor of science in civil engineering. He then earned his master's in technology and policy at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Sean settled down in Boston, where he got married and had two children. He kept busy with his family life and his work as a leading energy analyst with Cambridge Energy Research Associates. Although busy, he still found time to run six Boston Marathons with a sub-three hour finish.

Sean was diagnosed two and a half years ago with stage IV cancer, later succumbing to it in 2012. In his memory, **Nate Bukaty '98** founded the Sean Biggs Memorial Foundation and BIGGsteps Annual 5k. Nate says that "Sean was the kind of brother that every DU chapter in the country should look up to. He was one of the first two people I met at KU and will always be one of my best friends." Nate understands it is easy to go years without seeing some of your closest friends and pledge brothers after graduation, but the annual BIGGSteps 5k gives

Delta Upsilon brothers a chance for an annual reunion and to celebrate the sacredness of life.

The BIGGSteps Foundation raises money for an endowed fund at the KU Cancer Center for Cancer Research. It also raises money for an engineering study abroad scholarship because Sean became the first KU engineering student to study abroad in Germany. Last year the foundation raised \$75,000 in Kansas City and \$20,000 in Boston.

This year's Kansas City BIGGSteps 5k will be held September 22 at the KU Edwards Campus. The Boston BIGGSteps 5k will be held October 11. The foundation's board of directors are President Nate Bukaty, Vice President Jill Clements, Treasurer Emily Mitchell, Secretary **JP Gerritz '95**, and Member-at-Large/Boston Liason **Dave Jilek '97**. If you want to make a donation or help the Foundation in any way, contact information can be found on www.biggsteps.org, Sean Biggs Memorial Foundation on Facebook, or by contacting Nate Bukaty at nbukaty@mac.com.



ALUMNI UPDATE

Chris Saricks '70 is ticking off his bucket list. He and his wife, Joyce, recently traveled to Antarctica and set their feet down on Chris' seventh continent and her sixth at the peak of Antarctic summer. "Warmer at that time down there than it was back home in Chicago!" E-mail: csaricks@anl.gov

Paul D. Miller '76 has been with Hallmark Cards for 38 years since graduating in 1976. He has been married to wife Mickey



Christopher Saricks '70 and his wife, Joyce, set foot on Antarctica.

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years. Phil says he is "very proud of today's undergraduates. DU remains a top chapter at KU, and I think relative to the time I was at KU, they are doing a better job consistently with their grades. That's critical for today's ultra-competitive job market." He enjoys staying involved with the Kansas Chapter, and over the past 20 years has volunteered his time in various ways. He served as chapter advisor, on the Corporation Board and Educational Foundation, and more recently has been helping plan the spring alumni event.

For Phil, "DU doesn't have to be past tense." He still keeps in touch with brothers from the Kansas Chapter via Facebook, LinkedIn, e-mail, and occasional get-togethers in Kansas City. He hopes his brothers who have lost touch can reconnect with old buddies to renew friendships or identify networking opportunities.

Phil lives in Leawood, Kansas, with wife Nikki (KU Theta '93) and four children: Catherine (14), Anna (12), Josh (11), and Pete (4). He stays busy while continuing to serve his community on the boards of the Kansas City Repertory Theatre, Spofford Home Foundation, Centurions Leadership Program, United Way Young Leaders Society, and being an active member of his church. E-mail: phil.frerker@hallmark.com

for 37 years. They have three children, two working in the Denver metro area and the youngest at University of Colorado Boulder. He appreciated the brotherhood of DU at KU and has "beautiful memories of fun and hard work." E-mail: paul.miller@hallmark.com

Paul K. Mokeski '79 is associate head coach of the Rio Grande Valley Vipers in McAllen, Texas. He and his wife, Linda, have homes in McAllen and Reno, Nev.

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2014 KANSAS DU DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI BANQUET

Rock Chalk Revue

Saturday, May 3
Adams Alumni Center
1266 Oread Ave., Lawrence, KS 66045

5 p.m. Cocktails
6:15 p.m. Dinner and Program

Coat and tie attire; Stag affair

We hope you will join us on May 3 for an evening of brotherhood and to honor this year's distinguished alumnus, **Phil Frerker**

'93. We're also going to celebrate DU's proud history with Rock Chalk Revue, and share some memorable stories about prior shows. If you have any Rock Chalk photos, please send them to **Grant Kaufman '92** at grantkaufman@gmail.com. Questions should also be directed to Grant.

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your age, up to \$40,
via our online form
at <http://kansasdu.kintera.org/2014alumnibanquet>

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Chad D. Stearn '91 is the golf course superintendent at Crestview Country Club in Wichita, Kan. Chad has been employed there since 1997. He is married with three children and lives in Andover, Kan. E-mail: cstearns@crestviewcountryclub.com

Peter F. Theis '96 recently moved to New Orleans after traveling through South America for almost a year. He works as an attorney. He and his wife, Laura, celebrated the birth of their first child, Franklin. E-mail: pft200@gmail.com

Kenny Cochran '13 is enrolled in his first year at Vanderbilt University Law School. He is open to any and all contact from alumni regarding legal work or anything pertaining to DU in general. E-mail: kennethcochran1@gmail.com



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CHAPTER CONSTANTLY STRIVING FOR IMPROVEMENT



Henry Krause '16 and Charlie Ferber '16 with their dates at Trophy Girl.



The Chapter looks on as Blake Wells '89 talks about his business experience.

With the spring 2014 semester going strong, the Kansas Chapter of Delta Upsilon is working to build on last semester's success. We continue to focus on Chapter leadership with a reorganization of the executive members. In addition, academics remain a focus. Finally, we continue to work on developing positive relationships with alumni.

Things started off a little differently this semester after the Chapter leadership, with approval from alumni leadership, decided to switch presidential and vice presidential terms back to the calendar year schedule, making the term November to November. We were able to transition smoothly as former President **Patrick Smith '15** and former Vice President **Trevor McGowan '15** are still involved.

I am excited to meet more alumni with the assistance of various alumni and retreats with some members of the house corporation. Looking to the future we strive to put ourselves back on top at KU. I look forward to being in further contact with all of you throughout the next year. If there is anything I can do, please let me know. Feel free to e-mail me with any questions, concerns, or, most importantly, recruitment candidates.

Fraternally,
Spencer Green '16
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