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Kansas DU Reorganization Status Update Positive Changes Made to Structure of Chapter

Over the past several months, we have been inspired by our alumni's love for Kansas DU and desire to support our Chapter. Your words of encouragement and support have helped us begin the process of learning, growing, and planning for the future of the Kansas Chapter.

There are some exciting, positive developments that we would like to share as our Chapter continues its reorganization. The members attended a "Building Better Men" retreat with a DU International representative where they revisited the DU founding principles and how those should be implemented in Chapter operations, their daily activities, and their character. The men also had an all-Chapter retreat to develop tighter bonds among the members.

The new Chapter officers are doing an excellent job. In addition, we have created an alumni adviser team to cover the eight key undergraduate officer positions. The alumni will provide their experiences to make sure things are done the "DU way." There are a few spots still available if you are interested in volunteering. Please contact Eric Gustavson, Grant Kaufman, or Jeff Wilcox.

One other change as part of all this is that Judy Carpenter, our housemother of the last nine years, will be moving on. Judy has been a tireless worker and we thank her for her many years of service. She will be missed. The PMC has a search underway for a new housemother and is conducting interviews.

The alumni who have been involved in this reorganization feel very positive about the members we have in place and the future of Kansas DU. Getting to the point of reorganization was disappointing to all of us. Times of hardship are when we need our alumni the most. We hope you join us in the firm belief that the recent events do not define Kansas DU or our experience. Now, more than ever, we encourage you to continue supporting Delta Upsilon. Should you have any questions, please contact one of us.

Fraternally,

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DAVID WAXSE '67 RECALLS LESSONS FROM DU AND SUCCESSFUL CAREER GOALS

The Honorable **David Waxse '67**, Magistrate Judge for the United States District Court in Kansas City, Kansas, is one of Kansas DU's 2016 Distinguished Alumni. He took away so much from Delta Upsilon Fraternity, not only the lessons he learned from his time as an undergraduate, but also the friendships and brotherhood that have stuck with him ever since.

"I needed a lot of education about the world outside of the small town where I grew up," David said. "DU provided that for me, and I appreciated it."

David earned his B.A. in political science from KU and his J.D. from Columbia University School of Law. He is currently on recall status as a Federal Magistrate Judge, meaning he has retired, but continues to work part time. He also does a lot of presentations on electronic discovery, both around the country and in numerous foreign countries. "I have remained active in the American Bar Association (ABA), where last year I was the chair of the judicial division of the ABA. In that role I worked on solving the problems of forensic science in the criminal justice system. That problem is best described in a report from the National Academy of Sciences that found that other than DNA evidence, all of the currently used forensic science is not scientifically valid. This has resulted in the exoneration of a large number of defendants who were convicted on the basis of invalid science."



Some highlights of David's career include his volunteer work as a lawyer with the ACLU, which involved handling important civil liberties cases as well as serving on both the local affiliate and national boards. In addition to his judicial duties, he was also instrumental in the development of the law relating to electronically stored information. In point of fact, an *ABA Journal* article on Judge Waxse and several other lawyers refers to them as the "rock stars of the electronic discovery world."

David is also viewed as a rock star by his DU brothers. He is honored to be named one of Kansas DU's 2016 Distinguished Alumni, a notable title bestowed by fellow DU graduates. "It makes me feel very good that my DU brothers feel that I have done worthwhile things for my community and profession. It was very important to me, and I feel it's very important for young professionals to find a job that not only provides enough resources to allow you to raise a family, but that you enjoy and allows development of something positive for your community."

David and his wife, Judy, have four children and four grandchildren. They enjoy attending musical and cultural events, and traveling both in the U.S. and abroad. David also writes and speaks on both electronic discovery and forensic science in the criminal justice system. And he always finds time for sports and cheering on the Jayhawks. You can contact David at judge_waxse@ksd.uscourts.gov.

Loyal Alumni, We Thank You

We wish to thank all those who have supported the annual campaign and Kansas DU during this trying time. Alumni who contributed in 2015 are listed by graduation year under their lifetime giving levels. A complete list of lifetime annual giving can be found on the website at www.kansasdu.com.

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!

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MATT KEENAN '81 SHARES THE VALUE OF KANSAS DU

Kansas DU alumnus **Matt Keenan '81** recently celebrated 30 years at the Kansas City law firm, Shook, Hardy & Bacon. He is the second most senior partner in the firm's pharmaceutical and medical device division, where they defend litigation against some of the country's top drug and device companies.



Matt graduated from KU with a B.A. in liberal arts in 1981, and later from KU Law in 1984. If you do the math, he's been with the firm for almost as long as he's been out of school. That dedication and work ethic has led to a fantastic career that spans three decades. In that time, Matt has chaired the firm's pro bono committee, which has allowed him to help shape and direct the firm's efforts to provide free legal services to the poor and indigent populations in Kansas City, and in the 11 other cities where the firm has offices. This has allowed him to personally handle cases for toddlers, teenagers, and parents who otherwise could not afford it. These efforts have earned the firm special recognition by the Kansas Bar Association.

Matt should be used to special recognition by now as he is also named one of Kansas DU's 2016 Distinguished Alumni. "This is very meaningful," Matt said, "especially considering all those with whom I share this honor, including **Dick Wintermote '51**, **Don Slawson '55**, **Jerry Nossaman '60**, **Gene Camarena '79**, **Bryan LaGree '80**, and **John Holt '81**. John was my best friend from high school and a

triple legacy. He's the reason I originally joined DU, so without him I wouldn't even be here to accept this honor.

DU was founded on four main principles: friendship, character, culture, and justice. I believe that through these four principles our members learn to excel not only in college, but throughout their entire lives. I know for sure those values are big part of who I am today.

"One thing I am most proud of from my days at KU was that I lived in the house all four years. There were five of us who stayed for all four years. I can't turn back the clock and convince kids today why this is important to them and to their brothers in the house, but I'm still hopeful some of the men today see the value in staying on Emory Road. In the '70s, the refrain we often heard was, 'Do you think this is a hotel?' I hope our undergraduates know the answer to that question and show a commitment that reflects something more than you'd give to a Marriott or Hyatt. DU was founded on four main principles: friendship, character, culture, and justice. I believe that through these four principles our members learn to excel not only in college, but throughout their entire lives. I know for sure those values are big part of who I am today."

Matt and his wife, Lori, an Alpha Chi Omega from KU, have been married for 28 years and live in Leawood, Kansas. They have three sons, Connor, Tommy, and Robert, and one daughter, Maggie. Matt spends his off time writing for the *Kansas City Star*, something he has done for 17 years. Over that time, his column has been recognized by the Kansas City Press Club as an award-winning column with a focus on humor. He also writes a column for the *Kansas Bar Journal*, which is provided to Kansas attorneys. You can contact Matt at mkeenan@shb.com.

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2016 KANSAS DU DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI BANQUET

Join Kansas DU on Saturday, April 30, for an evening of brotherhood and celebration. Visit <http://kansasdu.kintera.org/2016alumnibanquet> to RSVP for the event and pay your age up to \$40. If you have any questions, please direct them to Phil Frerker at phil.frerker@gmail.com.

We hope to see you there!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, April 30
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

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ALUMNI VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Did Kansas DU positively influence your life? If so, what are you doing to ensure DU has a positive influence on young men for years to come? There are many ways to volunteer your time and stay connected with Kansas DU, and we hope you will consider making a commitment. Whether you live near or far, or have little or a lot of time to give, your efforts are valued.

Please contact **Eric Gustavson '87** at ergustav@gmail.com or **Grant Kaufman '92** at grantkaufman@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer your time.



We Need Your Recommendations

As we look to recruit men of the highest caliber to Delta Upsilon, we need your assistance. Please send names of high-achieving, KU-bound high school seniors to **Grant Kaufman '92** at grantkaufman@gmail.com and he will coordinate with the Chapter.