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More than 300 people attended the Dogs with DU and Puppies with Pi Phi philanthropic event last fall. Members of DU helped set up by building a temporary fence for dogs in the backyard, picking up food and charcoal for the barbecue, and getting many cases of water and ice.

Kansas DU Sets Its Eyes on the Future Undergraduates Make Big Strides in Academics and Philanthropy



Delta Upsilon and Kappa Sigma fraternities collected aluminum cans for Cans for the Community in honor of America Recycles Day on November 15, 2016. From left: Cans for the Community KU Advocate Gideon Naude and his children, Lillian and Vincent; Linda Klinker; Adrian Janowiak '19; and Bruce Nightingale. Cans for the Community recycles aluminum cans and donates all proceeds to local nonprofits. The group has donated \$180,000 and recycled more than 11 million aluminum cans since May 2005.

The 2016 fall semester was an extremely important and successful semester for the Kansas DU Chapter. We are approaching one year since being on reorganization status, which left us redeveloping and working toward the goal of a better and brighter future for Kansas DU. We are 90% complete with our reorganization plan provided by DU International headquarters, and we are projected to complete the final 10% in accordance with their one-year deadline. With this completion, it will represent the necessary change that has taken place throughout this period to reincorporate our principles and values, which have made us so successful on The Hill for almost 100 years.

Also during the fall, each of our 48 live-in members averaged around nine hours of community service and we held our Dogs with DU and Puppies with Pi Phi philanthropic event that raised more than \$3,500. A portion of that amount was given to the local humane society to support animal cruelty awareness, and another portion went toward our international philanthropy, the Global Service Initiative, which provides support for impoverished peoples in Jamaica.

The DU football team had a winning record throughout the fall and was two games away from reaching the finals. Two members, **Dylan Jones '19** and **Adrian Janowick '19**, were part of Student Senate and held vital roles in university decisions for students. Academically, Kansas DU finished the semester with a 3.0 GPA, which was up from 2.8 in spring 2016.

This spring, we plan to host a community service and philanthropic event to represent our desire to give back to the Lawrence community. We will also complete the reorganization plan given to us by DU International, which shows our efforts to make necessary changes for our future on The Hill. Lastly, we want to increase our GPA from 3.0 to a 3.2 for the spring 2017 semester.

We hope you have a chance to visit us this spring and again in the fall for Homecoming and other events.



Fraternally,
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KANSAS DU'S 2017 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS, TODD SLAWSON '83

Todd Slawson '83 attended Wichita Collegiate High School (an independent K-12 school), where he graduated magna cum laude in 1979. During high school, he was president of his senior and junior classes. Todd was also a three-year letterman in basketball, the single season scoring record holder his senior year as well as captain, and earned Wichita Prep Player of the Week and honorable mention all-state honors.

He attended the University of Kansas and earned a B.S. in petroleum engineering in 1984 with a 3.2 GPA. He was president and recruitment chairman of the Kansas Chapter of Delta Upsilon.

After graduating, Todd became employed by Slawson Exploration in 1984 and worked one year in North Dakota before settling in in Denver, Colorado. He became division operations manager in 1988 and now serves as president of Slawson Exploration. He is the youngest of the three sons of Donald C. Slawson, who founded Slawson Exploration and many other companies. Todd has drilled more than 500 operated wells during his career in North Dakota, Montana, Wyoming, Nebraska, Colorado, Kansas, and California, while his father drilled more than 3,500 operated wells in his career.

Todd has been instrumental in the pioneering and development of horizontal drilling and subsequent completion techniques, especially in the Bakken Shale formation in North Dakota and Montana. He was one of the first operators (7th) to drill a horizontal well in the country in 1989, and one of the first in the Bakken formation (3rd). He has now drilled more than 300

horizontal Bakken wells. Todd is the third-oldest active operator in the Williston Basin. The Bakken Field is now believed by some to have over 30 billion barrels of recoverable oil.



Todd started and is president of an oil marketing company, trucking company, midstream oil gathering company, water disposal company, and oil field rental company. He is also president of Alameda Juice LLC, which is Jamba Juice's largest franchisee in Texas; president of a hospitality company owning Marriott Fairfield Inn Hotels; and president of Slawson Real Estate, which aggressively develops and manages almost 1 million square feet of commercial real estate and residential homes in Wichita. Todd also develops restaurant concepts in the Midwest.

Todd was instrumental in the foundation of the Earth, Environment, and Energy Center (EEEC) at the University of Kansas, which is currently under construction. The EEEEC is anchored by Slawson Hall, which was a tribute to Todd's father, Donald, who was truly a monumental figure in Kansas oil exploration and was ranked as one of the nation's top wildcat drillers for many years running. Donald was also the chairman of the Kansas Board of Regents, which governs all nine Kansas state-run universities.

Todd is an avid nature photographer and enjoys traveling and all types of wildlife and nature. He believes in giving back and his main philanthropy is Children's Hospital in Denver, as well as supporting the communities around his oil exploration activities. Todd earned his private aviation license in college. You can contact Todd at tslawson@slawsoncompanies.com.

RUBEN SIGALA '97 APPOINTED CHIEF MARKETING OFFICER OF CAESARS ENTERTAINMENT

Caesars Entertainment Corporation appointed **Ruben Sigala '97** as chief marketing officer (CMO). Ruben had served as the company's interim CMO since the end of May 2016.

Mark Frissora, Caesars Entertainment's president and CEO, said, "During his 11-year career with the company, Ruben has led analytics, pricing, yield, and revenue management functions, and launched customer segmentation, big data, and performance management platforms, which have played key roles in our recent operational accomplishments. As interim CMO, Ruben has demonstrated the critical leadership and executions skills necessary to lead our marketing teams' pivotal

role in our long-term success, and to collaborate effectively with our property and corporate leadership teams as we prepare to emerge from the CEOC bankruptcy process."



Ruben joined Caesars in 2005 and was the company's chief analytics officer immediately prior to being named interim CMO. Prior to joining the company, he worked in the cruise line industry and as a consultant in Ernst & Young's National Cash Management Practice. Ruben is a graduate of the University of Kansas, where he earned a Rhodes Scholarship nomination. He has an MBA from Harvard Business School.

Additional reporting by PR Newswire



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We wish to thank all those who have supported the annual campaign and Kansas DU during our rebuilding throughout the past year. *Alumni who contributed in 2016 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.

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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.

2017 Kansas DU Distinguished Alumni Banquet

Saturday, April 22
Adams Alumni Center
1266 Oread Avenue
Lawrence, KS 66045

5 p.m. Cocktails
6:15 p.m. Dinner and Program
Coat and tie attire; Stag affair

Join Kansas DU for an evening of
brotherhood and to celebrate
this year's Distinguished Alumnus,
Todd Slawson '83.

Visit kansasdu.kintera.org/2017alumnibanquet to RSVP
for the event and pay your age up to
\$40. If you have any questions, please
direct them to Phil Frerker at
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We hope to see you there!

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Chapter Eternal



George N. Michale '54 entered Chapter Eternal on October 13, 2016. He was a resident of Overland Park, Kan., and is survived by his wife, Carrie.



Jay R. Warner '55 entered Chapter Eternal on October 5, 2016. He had a lifelong commitment to Delta Upsilon. Jay served as president of the undergraduate chapter and the alumni board. While at KU, he was part of the group of DUs that helped start the chapter at Kansas State University. His son, **Ryan Warner, Kansas State '80**, was a member and chapter president of the Kansas State Chapter. Jay's father, **H.F. "Speed" Warner '25**, was also a DU at the University of Kansas. Like Jay, Speed also served as president of the undergraduate chapter and the alumni board. He served as the KU alumni board president when the KSU chapter started.



Dr. J. Michael Kavolus '65 entered Chapter Eternal on April 5, 2016. He served as chief resident at West Virginia University Department of Orthopedics, and completed a hand fellowship at the University of Louisville with the Kleinert Kutz Hand Care Center. Throughout his career he was a member of several local and national medical associations and organizations. He enjoyed entertaining family and friends, traveling the world extensively, reading and being outdoors. Michael is survived by his wife, Nancy; daughter, Emily; grandson, Beau; and many other family and friends.



Daniel O. Keating '08 entered Chapter Eternal on October 16, 2016. He will be remembered for his ability to make you feel like the most loved and cared for person in the room. Dan is survived by his father and mother, Pat and Rita Keating; sisters, Beth and Emily; and numerous friends.

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