



The Open Visor

A Publication of the Miami Chapter of Delta Upsilon

Written by John Strozak '23



Mom's Weekend Fall 2022. Great Turn-out!

Fall Semester 2022

This Fall Semester has been incredibly exciting, busy, and fulfilling for the brothers of Delta Upsilon's Miami Chapter. With a little over a month to go until we reach winter break, we still have quite a lot planned, from philanthropic endeavors to social events. As our Chapter's "Alumni Chair", I'm very proud to show you what we've been up to so far.

As you can see above, Mom's Weekend is one of our favorite events of the semester, with great attendance every year. Planning this event is something the brothers take great care in doing; everyone wants to make sure that their mom has a memorable and fun time back at college for the weekend. I would say that this year we absolutely nailed it because everyone had a blast. We had record attendance, and our moms especially enjoyed getting the chance to go bowling with us and have a meet-and-greet catered lunch at the chapter house.

Speaking of the chapter house, we've undergone several renovations and improvements so far this year, all made possible by our own Alumni board and network. A new concrete parking lot was poured over the summer, replacing the old and cracked blacktop from years prior, with a new wooden fence constructed around it for privacy from our neighbors Chi Psi and Lambda Chi Alpha. This was well received by the brothers (especially those living in the house), and we use the new and improved space for grill-outs and basketball pickup games. We've also seen new furniture in the chapter room, a large mural of our letters in the basement, more composite pictures from older years hung on empty wall space, a

complete overhaul of the weight room in the basement, and a continuing installation of electronic code locks on individual rooms. Since we've added more exercise equipment, weights, and machines to the weight room, it has started to get a lot of use by all of us, with people lifting every day of the week. Overall, we are slowly but surely modernizing the chapter house, and there is much more planned. On behalf of all our active brothers, I would like to sincerely thank our generous Alumni brothers. I hope each one of us follows your example by giving back to this great Fraternity, when we have the financial ability to do so.

Aside from this, we've had an enjoyable and successful social calendar so far this fall. We've hosted several great parties, attended multiple sorority events and socials, and had a few brotherhood cookouts when the weather was nice. Upperclassman engagement has been high this semester, with multiple events at annex houses and a Top Golf rental giving us all an opportunity to hit the driving range and relax. A lot of the brothers have also been enjoying playing in or watching the fraternity league sports events. We even made it to the playoffs in soccer, with a large crowd of brothers coming to support the team every game. Lastly, Puddle Pull was a great success this year, with hundreds attending and almost every fraternity and sorority on campus fielding a team.



Philanthropy

Around our busy academic and social schedules, we've managed to do a good amount of philanthropy so far this year. It's something we've all agreed we want to improve on as a chapter, because we believe giving back to our community is important and necessary to our growth as men. We held our annual car wash with GPhi in the parking lot of the chapter housing, with proceeds benefiting TOPPS, a local food pantry and social service charity. We also have late night bake sales at the Phi Delt gates near uptown, raising money for St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Lastly for now, we're proud to say that our social chair, Sophomore Dean Connelly, won the Zeta's Big Man On Campus competition, raising over \$1600 for breast cancer research. See pictures on Instagram [@DeltaUMiami](https://www.instagram.com/DeltaUMiami).

CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S REVIEW

Dikaia Upotheke
Justice, Our Foundation

Josh Smith '24



This year, I was elected President of our chapter. I am extremely blessed to have the honor of leading my brothers, and the opportunity to take charge of our fraternity. Liam Matson '23 and Evan Doughman '23; both former Presidents, have been very influential figures and mentors to me over these past two years. They have done a great job of keeping our fraternity going in the right direction, and I intend to do the same with my time as President. There is always work that can be done of course, and I hope to do as much as possible.

My main goal this year is to increase our philanthropy efforts and community service hours. In order to increase brotherly interest and raise more philanthropy dollars, our chapter has decided to send our donations to St. Jude Children's Hospital; to assist in cancer research for young kids. In addition to more philanthropy dollars, we wish to increase our community presence and outreach. Therefore, we have increased our requirement for brothers participating in community service in Oxford, and added incentives for them to go above and beyond. We have also partnered with the Talawanda Oxford Pantry and Social Services (TOPSS) to deliver and donate food to needy local residents.

Aside from this, a success I am personally very proud of is our recruitment efforts. I plan on continuing our recruiting successes from the last three years as the new President. During our spring rush we have consistently brought in over 30 men, with a mix of freshmen and sophomores. Last spring alone we had over 300 potential new members in our database, and we are happy to have the privilege of choosing the best from such a large group. Currently, we are in the process of taking a fall class this year, in order to bring in five sophomores before our spring rush process. Recruitment has been and continues to be one of the most important and exciting times for our chapter, and I stand committed to building better men in Delta Upsilon.

I am very excited for this year, and the memories it will bring. I am prepared to bring the very best out of not only our chapter, but the individuals that make up Delta Upsilon. The future is bright.

Dikaia Upotheke,

Josh Smith
Miami '24



Brothers on Cook Field during a soccer match, supporting the team.



Brothers enjoying a sorority social.



DU x GPhi car wash for charity.



**Patrick Hang, Junior, Elected IFC
VP of Conduct this Fall.**



**DU's newest class and the VP of New
Member Education, shortly after initiation.**

EXTERNAL RELATIONS

On behalf of the entire undergraduate chapter, I would like to thank our entire alumni network for the attention and care they have shown us. None of the above could have been possible without your support, and your dedication shows that being a DU is truly a lifelong commitment to brotherhood.

As the VP of External Relations, it's my job to make sure everyone's voice is heard. My school email is included down below. Please feel free to reach out to me for literally anything, and I'll try my best to respond quickly. Questions, concerns, comments, stories, opportunities, and anything else is welcome. Let me know what you'd like to see in the next newsletter, if you feel anything is missing. Once again, we really appreciate your support.

- John Strozsak 23'



Contact Us

Alumni Email: mudeltau@gmail.com External Relations Email: strozsja@miamioh.edu



www.mudeltau.org



@MUDeltaU



@DeltaUMiami

400 East Vine Street, Oxford, Ohio 45056