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INTRO

Greetings from ΔΔ I, Nicolas Duque Franco, am happy to introduce myself as your Alumni Relations Chair for the 2008-2009 academic year. We at the ΔΔ chapter would like to update you on the events of the 2009 Summer and Autumn quarters, including our newest pledge class (Gold XVIII) and several innovative philanthropy activities.

NEW OFFICERS

With the new school year has come the new executive board. We are proud to announce the ΔΔ officers of the 2009 – 2010 school year:

President - Brother Avinash Mandava
Vice President – Brother Andreas Brauning
VP Risk Management - Brother Jeffery John Kowar
Alumni Relations - Brother Nicolas Duque Franco
Guardian - Brother Kenneth Anthony Cid
Treasurer - Brother Aldo John Arnone
Social Chair - Brother Arturo V. Salazaar
Philanthropy Chair - Brother Haoyu Edward Huang
Secretary - Brother James Issa Negus

Rush Chairs
Brother Neil James Sobin
Brother Jeffery John Kowar
Brother Nikhil Subrahmanyam Maddirala
Brother Julian Alonzo Plough

Pi’s
Brother Roman Sanders
Brother Andreas Brauning

GOLD XVI

We are proud to introduce our newest pledge class, Gold XVIII, consisting of Henry Leonard Levin Gruber, Muhammad Ali Akhtar, and Daniel Santana. With the departure of the ’08 class, we are thrilled with the recent initiation of Gold XVIII, as their presence will strengthen the chapter and secure our future for years to come. We look forward to building a strong pledge class during winter quarter. We are confident that our strong and effective rush program will continue to recruit men of quality who will sustain ΔKE’s reputation and join us in the pursuit of human excellence.

GOLD XVI

We are pleased that the Alumni Association Board has continued its involvement in the fraternity. We greatly appreciate the Alumni Board’s efforts to register our chapter as a 501(C) (7). As a 501(c) (7), we are now an official social group under U.S. tax law. This will surely help us as it provides us with an official organization under which to organize our financial matters and to receive donations and contributions. Moreover, we commend the Alumni Board and our treasurer, Brother Aldo John Arnone, in setting up a new Pay Pal account on behalf of the ΔΔ chapter.
The brainchild of Brother Neil Sobin (Crimson XVII ’08), the pumpkin carving event at the local Ray Elementary School was a large success. Brothers went to Ray Elementary on October 30th from 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM to carve 50 pumpkins for about 45 of the school’s “star” students. Brothers and pledges, enlivened by the gratitude and joy in the students, attempted to comply with every request the students made—including one that involved carving the effigy of an alligator. Almost the entire brotherhood was able to show up for a one hour shift and the children loved it. Unique in that DKE actively organized the entire event by itself and without any involvement by a third party, the pumpkin carving event increased DKE’s presence in local community and helped solidify the tight bonds within the brotherhood. In one day, DKE brothers accumulated 53 total hours of community service, with three brothers present for the entire event from beginning to end (Brothers Aldo John Arnone, Roman Sanders, & Haoyu Eddie Huang).

Late in October, DKE once again assisted ARCUC (The American Red Cross of the University of Chicago) in organizing, setting up, and staffing this year’s Fall Blood Drive in Ida Noyes Hall. Throughout the course of a week and a half, DKE brothers accumulated 45 hours of service by helping ARCUC table in the Reynolds’s Club, Cobb Hall, and Bartlett and by helping to administer aid to donors during the Blood Drive. ARCUC was extremely glad we helped—they acquired 20 more donors than usual – and are looking forward to our assistance again in the spring.
This past quarter and summer, the ΔΔ Chapter has continued its involvement in campus organizations, its leadership, and its excellent academic record. Here are some of the active chapter's achievements:

- Brothers Roman Sanders and Arturo V. Salazaar received the Delta Kappa Epsilon Odyssey Scholarship.
- Brother Nicolas Duque-Franco held a research internship with Professor David Weisbach in the Law School this summer.
- Brother Julian Alonzo Plough held an internship in the Trade and Investment Promotion Office of the Peruvian Consulate this summer.
- Brother Andreas Brauning held an internship at Gillette this summer, helping to write several radio commercials being used currently throughout Latin America.
- Brother Nicolas Duque Franco worked in a marketing internship with CaptainU and continues to work with them periodically.
- Brother Jeffery John Kowar worked with Coca Cola Enterprises this summer.
- Brother Nicolas Duque Franco is staffing MUNUC (a high school level Model United Nations conference) as the chair of the CCPCJ, the Commission on Crime Punishment and Criminal Justice.
- Brother Shane Hunter Coughlan is a senior staff photographer at the Chicago Maroon.
- We are happy to welcome back Brothers Clement Jett Robinson and Jeremy Ian Martin, who both studied abroad in Paris, last quarter.
- Brother Shahzad Saeed Ahsan is now Senior Photo Editor of the Chicago Maroon.
- Brother Nicolas Duque Franco has competed with the Model United Nations team at Georgetown, winning Best Delegate, and will be competing at UPENN this coming weekend.
- Brother Jeffery John Kowar continues to receive the Coca Cola Enterprises Academic Scholarship.
- Brother Clement Jett Robinson is research assistant for a professor Robert Keily, who is currently writing a book on the history of notions of design.
- Brother Andreas Brauning Andreas Brauning has received an offer to work with McCann Erickson Chile after graduation.
- Brother Aldo John Arnone worked in an internship with FC Stone Commodity Risk Management this summer.
- Brother Julian Alonzo Plough participated in a web design internship with the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) Center for Climate Change Solutions.
- Brother Arturo V. Salazaar has been selected for an internship with Adrenaline Y2K, a premier entertainment organization.
- Brother Julian Alonzo Plough helped design and conduct a research study on California’s water quality with the Berkeley School of Medicine this summer.
- Brother Roberto Kutcher managed syndicate loans at Bank S Nostra this summer.
- Brothers Dushime Gashuggi and Shahzad Saeed Ahsan have begun serving as Resident Assistants in Pairs.
- Brother Jeremy Ian Martin is now Photo Editor of the Chicago Maroon.
- Brother Nicolas Duque Franco is staffing ChoMUN (a college-level Model United Nations conference) as the chair of the GRU, a committee simulation of a soviet intelligence cabinet.
- Brother Haoyu Edward Huang works in Eckhart Consulting’s Case Study Group.
UPCOMING EVENT FOR AUTUMN QUARTER - ΔKESGIVING

For all of those brothers who can, come join us! It will surely be the best ΔKESgiving yet!

The Basics:

Where: McCormick Tribune Lounge, 5706 S. University Ave Chicago, IL 60637
When: 6 pm, November 21st
What: The best thanksgiving celebration in the Midwest. Please bring a home cooked dish to share in the festivities.

Guests: Michigan State University (ΣΚ)
This should be another fantastic year for ΔKESgiving! We give special thanks to Brother Shane Hunter Coughlan for planning.

UPCOMING PHILANTHROPY EVENTS

As for future service projects, the brothers of the Delta Delta chapter are currently hoping to help tutor local students on a regular basis at a nearby school on 62nd and Woodlawn. Each week, at least two DKE brothers will be expected to devote 2 hours of their time after school to helping students K-8 with their basic schooling needs. This tutoring effort will be coupled with joint service project in which we will be partnering with the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. It will most likely be an event serving the homeless in the nearby community. Lastly, preparations for DKE week have already begun.

Special Philanthropy Project:

The new Gold XVIII have taken it upon themselves to organize a philanthropy event for the chapter. They will be running a Canned Food Drive for the last three weeks of the quarter. The pledges will organize, advertise, and manage the event. The active brothers will help with the tabling to maximize the exposure and donations for this philanthropy project. This too promises to be an important part of our quarter, our way of integrating the soon-to-be brothers into our brotherhood's foundational dedication to service.

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