

## **Delta Upsilon Fraternity Northern Illinois University**

### **History of the International Fraternity**

The Delta Upsilon International Fraternity was founded at Williams College, Williamstown, Massachusetts on November 4, 1834. This makes Delta Upsilon the sixth oldest member fraternity of the National Interfraternity Conference and the fraternity on campus with the longest national history. The oldest fraternities (with their year of founding and number of chapters behind each fraternity name) are Chi Phi (1824) [58], Kappa Alpha Society (1825) [7], Sigma Phi Society (1827) [9], and Alpha Delta Phi (1832) [30], Psi Upsilon (1833) [27], and Delta Upsilon (1834) [84]. Delta Upsilon has about two thirds as many chapters as the oldest five fraternities put together.

Delta Upsilon became an international fraternity upon the initiation of our first Canadian chapter at McGill University, Montreal, in 1898. The McGill chapter had been formed the year before for the purpose of petitioning Delta Upsilon for affiliation. Delta Upsilon later initiated chapters at nearly all of Canada's most prestigious universities.

Over the years Delta Upsilon has expanded to many prestigious schools and includes, among others, active chapters at Brown, Cornell, Tufts, the University of Chicago, Northwestern, the University of Illinois, Stanford, the University of Toronto, North Carolina University at Chapel Hill, Johns Hopkins, and Dartmouth.

Delta Upsilon was founded in response to the proliferation of "secret societies". These societies were often accused of having improper links to faculties, cheating, receiving undeserved grades, and other improper conduct. Delta Upsilon was founded on four primary principles:

- The Promotion of Friendship
- The Development of Character
- The Diffusion of Liberal Culture
- The Advancement of Justice

Our motto is:

Justice, Our Foundation

Additionally, Delta Upsilon was founded as a non-secret fraternity in opposition to the controversial secret societies of the time. Delta Upsilon's open rituals of initiation, lack of passwords, lack of secret handshakes, and lack of other secret traditions made it a revolutionary fraternity in the nineteenth century. The continued adherence to these values makes Delta Upsilon a leader today.

For a more detailed history of the International Fraternity, see the International Fraternity's website at <<http://www.deltatau.org/>>.

In the final analysis, the reputation of Delta Upsilon stems from the fame and quality of its members, and there are many famous Delta Upsilon brothers. Many of these distinguished brothers are mentioned in Delta Upsilon's The Cornerstone, the apprentice member training manual published by our International Fraternity and furnished to all members. Upon The Cornerstone's next publication, the Northern Illinois Chapter of Delta Upsilon expects to list its first distinguished brother, Bob Berland, 1984 Olympic Judo Silver Medalist. There is only one other Delta Upsilon brother that has won an Olympic medal and he did so the same year as Brother Berland. He is Thomas Darling, Syracuse '81, who won a silver medal in crew. In addition, the organizer of the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles was a Delta Upsilon brother, Peter Ueberroth, San Jose '59. Brother Ueberroth has the distinction of being the only person to ever manage the Olympics and make a profit.

# **Delta Upsilon International Fraternity Distinguished Alumni**

Delta Upsilon International Fraternity is almost two centuries old and has had chapters at over 150 various colleges and universities. It is the largest non-secret college social fraternity in the world. The most comprehensive list of our distinguished alumni is set forth in The Cornerstone, our manual of the Apprentice Member Program of Delta Upsilon Fraternity, which will be shown to you by any of our Northern Illinois DU members upon your request. Distinguished alumni can also be found on the Delta Upsilon International Fraternity's website <<http://www.deltatau.org/>>. A few of our most distinguished alumni are shown below.

## **Nobel Laureates**

Charles G. Dawes, Marietta 1884. Peace (1925).

Linus Pauling, Oregon State 1922. Chemistry (1954) and Peace (1962).

Only person to have won two Nobel prizes in different fields and the only person to have ever won two Nobel prizes unshared.

Lester B. Pearson, Toronto 1919. Peace (1957).

Dr. Edward C. Prescott, Swarthmore 1962. Economics (2004).

## **Business**

Alfred P. Sloan Jr., Technology 1895. Chairman of the Board, General Motors.

Joseph P. Kennedy, Harvard 1912. Ambassador to Great Britain and father of two Senators and a President.

Austin H. Kiplinger, Cornell 1939. Publisher of The Kiplinger Letter.

## **Government**

James A. Garfield, Williams, 1856. Professor of Classics (Greek and Latin), College President, Civil War General, Member of Congress, and President of the United States.

George Goethals, Manhattan 1877. Chief Engineer and First Governor of the Panama Canal.

Charles Evans Hughes, Colgate and Brown 1881. Governor of New York, Vice-President of the United States, Secretary of State, and Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

Charles G. Dawes, Marietta 1884. Vice-President of the United States.

Lester B. Pearson, Toronto 1919. Prime Minister of Canada and President of the United Nations General Assembly.

Steven J. Field, Williams 1937. Co-founder of Delta Upsilon Fraternity and United States Supreme Court Justice.

Tommy R. Franks, Texas 1967. Four-Star General US Army.

### **Arts and Communications**

William Bross, Williams 1838. Co-founder of Delta Upsilon Fraternity and Editor of the Chicago Tribune.

Stephen Crane, Lafayette and Syracuse 1894. Author, including “The Red Badge of Courage.”

Joyce Kilmer, Rutgers 1909. Poet (“Trees”) and battlefield reporter killed in WW I.

Edgar Bergen, Northwestern 1927. Famous American Entertainer and Ventriloquist.

Kurt Vonnegut, Cornell 1944. Editor and Author.

### **Sports**

Darrell K. Royal, Oklahoma 1950. Head Football Coach at the University of Texas.

Louis Holtz, Kent State 1958. Head Football Coach at the University of Notre Dame.

Peter Ueberroth, San Jose 1959. Organizer of the 1984 Olympics and Commissioner of Major League Baseball.

Thomas W. Darling, Syracuse 1981. Silver Medal Crew at the 1984 Olympics.

Robert Berland, Northern Illinois University 1984. Silver Medal in Judo at the 1984 Olympics.