



# DELTA KAPPA EPSILON

Gentlemen, Scholars & Jolly Good Fellows

## **Delta Chi Association Board of Directors Nominees 2026**

### **Charles W. Kerner '74**

Born and raised in suburban New Jersey, Chuck pledged DKE as a freshman in the fall of 1970. He was named Social Chairman of DKE for several years and he also played goal for the DKE intramural ice hockey team. He split his residential time on campus between the DKE House and the Cornell dorms as a Residential Advisor. After graduation from the Engineering School, he returned to Cornell for an MBA (and served as the DKE evening dishwasher for 2 years in exchange for board).

After Cornell, Chuck worked in the capital markets and securities business for many years and now works with two partners in a small corporate advisory firm. He lives in New York City with his wife and younger daughter, and he also has an older daughter who is fully launched and living in California. Chuck has been a Delta Chi Association Board member for over 10 years and is listed on the Delta Chi chapter's Decem Vir Honor Roll for his lifetime of service to the chapter.

### **Michael Curran '79**

Mike was born and raised in the Bronx. He attended the Industrial & Labor Relations School at Cornell on a scholarship from his father's union. At Deke, he was the Steward and Alumni Relations Secretary. He was also President of the IFC.

After college, he worked in human resources for the paper and investment banking industries. Most of his career was in management consulting to various financial services firms across the globe. In the latter part of his career he acted as the Committee Advisor to the Compensation Committee of the Board for major banks such as Bankers Trust, Barclays, CIBC, JPMorgan Chase, and UBS.

After retirement, he enrolled in and received a master's degree in military history and has written two books. He has been active in the alumni association as a past President and as Fundraising Chair.

### **E. Adam Leyens '82, Law '85**

Adam and his wife Josie currently live in Rochester, New York, where he practices business and real estate law. They have raised four children, two of whom are also Cornell Dekes (Sam '15 and Charlie '21). He has served as an informal legal advisor to the Board over the past few years and looks forward to continuing to serve alongside many familiar friends from his college days for another three-year term.

### **Mike “Cliffy” Clifford '91**

Mike has served on the Board since 2017, with one year as the appointed Treasurer and several years supporting the Rituals Committee which was established to bring some of our chapter's practices and traditions back to life following the chapter's brief suspension from campus. He has also served as Vice President of the annual Mecca Organizing Committee, led by Brother Carl Oronsky '92.

As an undergraduate Mike contributed to the house by serving as Sergeant-At-Arms, Rush Chairman, Summer House Manager, Steward, and Chaplain. He was a most distinguished founding member of the Black Hole, along with Brothers Doug Peita '90, Mike Bocklage '90, and Sean Ryan '92.

Mike currently works as a Sales Representative for a packaging distributor, residing in Feeding Hills, MA, with his wife, Lori, and their sons Cody and Kaeden.

### **Pete Bachrach '01**

Pete graduated from the Cornell College of Arts and Sciences in 2001 with a degree in American Studies. He spent a significant portion of his non-academic life in Ithaca supporting the DKE house, serving as Steward, House Manager, and as a Delegate to the DKE Convention the year the house won the coveted Lion Trophy in the summer of 2000.

Pete continued his support for the house following his graduation, returning to Ithaca for initiations, supporting former alumni President Don Weadon from his law offices in DC, and eventually joining the Board of Directors in 2014. Over the last 12 years Pete has served as Secretary, Vice President, and Director of Communications of the Delta Chi Association. His current role as Vice President includes oversight responsibilities for the long-term preservation of our chapter house at 13 South Ave.

Pete received a Master's Degree in Public Policy from Georgetown University in 2004 and spent much of the last 20 years as a DC based consultant supporting IT program deployment across the Federal government.