

2026 Delta Chi Association Annual Meeting



Meeting Agenda



Over the next 45 minutes we will cover the following:

- Delta Chi Association Overview
- 2025-26 Academic Year In Review
- Facility Improvements
- Chapter Finances
- Alumni Communications
- Recognition of Chapter Leaders
- Election of Directors and Officers



Delta Chi Association Overview



Delta Chi Association - Purpose



Responsible for long term stewardship of the Delta Chi Chapter of DKE and our lodge at 13 South Avenue. This includes:

- Supporting and mentoring actives as they manage the day to day and year to year activities of the chapter.
- Ensuring that our chapter lodge remains a viable living space for Dekes now and into the future.
- Engaging with chapter alumni to ensure continued involvement and financial support is in place to keep the DX chapter strong.
- Reinforcing brotherly ties among alumni
- Building enduring relationships with Cornell and DKE International partners.

DXA – Board of Directors



Responsible for setting the strategy and implementing the programs of the Delta Chi Association of DKE. This includes:

- Determining project priorities for repairs, updates, and enhancements to 13 South Ave.
- Develop and review fundraising programs.
- Taking a longer term and multi-year view of alumni efforts.
- Engaging with chapter alumni to encourage continued involvement and support.



Delta Kappa Epsilon – Year in Review



2025-26 Academic Year in Review



The 2025-26 school year had it's share of successes:

- A highly successful Fall rush welcomed 7 new brothers, followed by a Spring rush of 25 additional brothers for a total of 32!
- The undergraduates achieved a combined house GPA of 3.53.
- Our Giving Day raised \$71,416 from 102 individual donors.



Facility Improvements



Facility Improvements – Status



Status of recent and ongoing house projects:

- Completed a planned upgrade of the house electrical capacity, including replacement of all electrical distribution panels last summer.
- Approved a plan to replace the wiring and light fixtures in the third-floor bedrooms and attic. Project will go to bid in December for a Summer 2027 completion.
- Approved a plan to refresh the pantry shelving and move appliances against the back wall of the room. Hope to see completion by the end of Summer 2026.

Facility Improvements – Up Next



Projects under near term consideration:

- Explore options for extending the life of the south porch roof and deck which are nearing end of life and must be eventually replaced with a deck that meets both modern construction codes and historical preservation guidelines.
- Explore options for replacing the first-floor wood and tile flooring.
- Replace second and third floor carpets.
- Seal or screen gaps in the exterior face of the house that allow for the entrance of wildlife into the house.

Facility Improvements – Future



Project list undergoes continual review:

- Project ideas planned and tracked for future years
- Detailed project parameters and dollar requirements are deferred until the project enters an implementation window.
- The age of the house dictates that some items need periodic refreshing and thus will reappear of the list.
- Some large projects need to be broken into smaller pieces in order to fit them into our small construction window.
- Priorities and plans are reviewed with the Board.



Chapter Finances



DKE Financials - Background



DKE gets dollars through a number of channels:

- Undergraduates put a percentage of their room fees into Cornell's facility reserve fund to support future house projects.
- Gifts to Cornell designated for the DKE Group Housing Fund, as well as payouts from our Cornell endowments, are directed to house improvements.
- The Delta Chi Association collects annual dues and other contributions. These dollars can be spent on alumni networking events, our website and newsletter, or facility improvements.

DKE Financials - Endowments



Endowments:

- The Robert Trent Jones Memorial Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity Scholarship has surpassed a \$1,000,000 market value! Over \$35,000 in scholarships went to 7 Dekes last year.
- Endowments from Jordan Lamb and Eugene Patterson have a combined market value of over \$575,000 and contribute about \$9,000 a year to be spent on house improvements.

DKE Financials – Ways to Give



Other non-cash ways to give:

- The Delta Chi Association can now take contributions in stock. If you're sitting on an unrealized capital gain, send us the stock and avoid the capital gains taxes!
- If you're considering leaving money to DKE in your estate, or a beneficiary of your IRA, let us know and we can discuss how to set that up for the maximum benefit to DKE.

<https://dke-cornell.org/giving>

DKE Financials - Income



DKE Income for 2025-26 Academic Year:

- Dues and gifts to the Delta Chi Association: **\$30,248**
- Gifts to Cornell's DKE Housing Fund: **\$194,103**
- YTD proceeds from Lamb and Patterson endowments: **\$6,585**

Grand Total

\$230,936



DKE Financials - Expenses



Delta Chi Association Expenses:

- House improvement projects
- Undergraduate projects with targeted alumni contributions
- DXA website, Delta Chi Deke, and additional mailer costs
- Brotherhood rituals
- Alumni event funding
- Conference Attendance
- Additional liability insurance coverage

DKE Financials - Expenses



Delta Chi Association Driven Expenses in 2025-26

- House improvement projects - \$200,000
- Elevate Alumni Services - \$9,000
- Replacements of composites and door nameplates - \$1,000
- Reunion - \$1,500
- Additional liability insurance - \$5,125

Grand Total

\$216,625



Alumni Communications



DKE Communications - Website



DKE continues to maintain a website at dke-cornell.org

- See recent house news on the front page
- Give to DKE via the Giving page
- See prior email and DX Deke communications
- Member Portal shows past giving and brother search capabilities



The screenshot shows the website's header with the logo and navigation links: Home, Events, Rush ΔKE, About, Giving, Contact, and Log In. The main content area features a 'Welcome!' message, a black and white illustration of a building, and a paragraph about the chapter's history. A blue link for 'Giving Day 2023 Sets Deke Record for the Third Straight Year!' is visible, followed by a short paragraph of text.

Delta Chi Chapter of
Delta Kappa Epsilon

Home Events Rush ΔKE About Giving Contact

Log In

Welcome!

For over 150 years the brothers of the Delta Chi Chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon at Cornell University have a cultivated a brotherhood based on traditions, values, and the lifelong bonds of friendship.

This site celebrates the continued involvement of our cherished network of dedicated alumni, the achievements of our current undergraduate brothers, and the recruitment our future brothers yet to find their way to our historic institution on the hill.

[Giving Day 2023 Sets Deke Record for the Third Straight Year!](#)

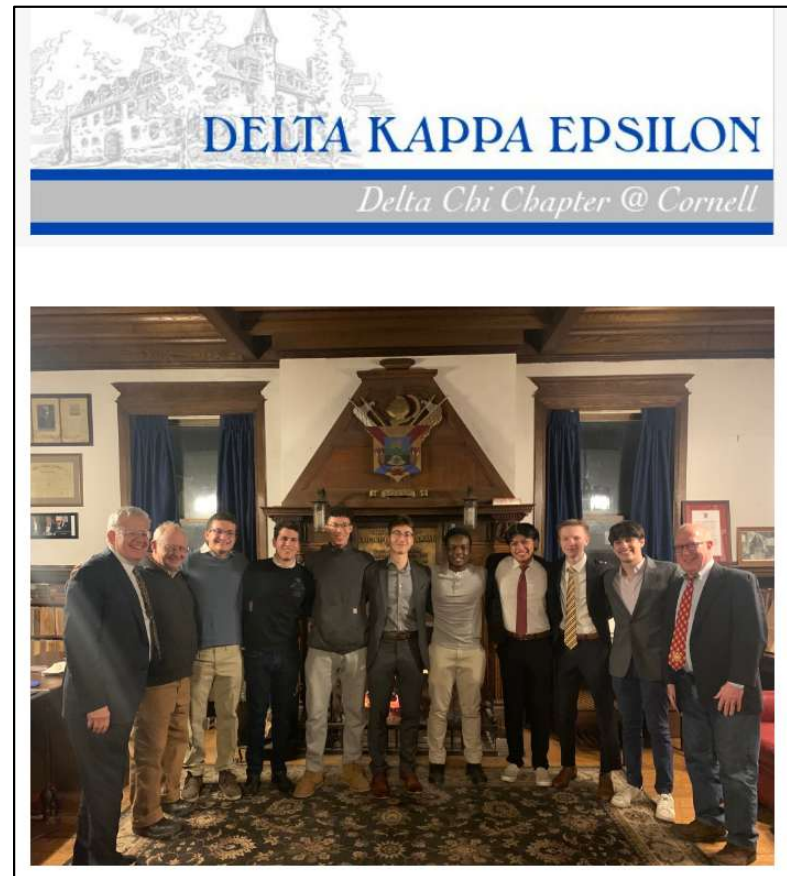
Generous Deke undergraduates, alumni, friends, and family once again outperformed all Cornell Greek institutions on Cornell's Annual Giving Day, raising over \$82,000 for the DKE Group Housing Fund. Spurred by the chapter's numerous recent successes and

DKE Communications – Email



DKE sends out 10-12 email updates a year

- Get regular updates on house projects, activities, opportunities to give back
- Learn about the newest brothers and where our grads are going next
- If you aren't getting the emails, tell us and we'll add you!



DKE Communications – Mailings



DKE sends out one or two printed mailings a year

- Delta Chi Deke sent each Spring to brothers with an address.
- End of year summary letter sent to “mature” brothers and those not on our email list.
- Not getting mail? Make sure we have your current address!

The screenshot shows the top portion of a printed mailing. At the top, the title "THE DELTA CHI DEKE" is displayed in large, white, bold letters against a dark background with a faint architectural drawing. Below the title, a red banner contains the website "WWW.DKE-CORNELL.ORG" and the text "DELTA CHI CHAPTER OF DELTA KAPPA EPSILON FRATERNITY · SPRING 2025". A social media bar follows, featuring the Delta Chi Deke crest on the left and icons for Facebook, X, and Instagram with their respective handles: "Facebook.com/DKECornell", "@DKECornell", and "@CornellDKE".

UNDERGRADUATE LEADERSHIP

Michael Randolph '26
President

Ethan Nagasako '26
Vice President

MY DEKE, YOUR DEKE, OUR DEKE

In my role as both president of the ΔKE Alumni Association and chapter advisor to the undergraduate chapter, I find myself constantly thinking about the way things were when I lived in the house and how they differ from today's life on campus. As the head of the alumni association, it is my job to help maintain the bonds of ΔKE brotherhood across generations of ΔKE classes, whether it is those of us who played basketball in the courtyard to the sounds of a blasting stereo, or current brothers who play volleyball in the backyard to the

laugh when we reconnect and talk about those years that were critical to our development as men. Leave it to your fraternity brothers to bring up those embarrassing moments and youthful indiscretions that may be best left in the past but are critical to the making of the person you are today.

For those of you who joined in a different era than I, I expect that your ΔKE would have some of the same things but with different words. Our cooks have changed over the years. The Undertaker's Ball and the Case Race



Recognition of Chapter Leaders



Congratulations Reunion Years!



1961 - 65th
1966 - 60th
1971 - 55th
1976 - 50th
1981 - 45th
1986 - 40th
1991 - 35th



1996 - 30th
2001 - 25th
2006 - 20th
2011 - 15th
2016 - 10th
2021 - 5th



Thank You!



- **Pete Bachrach '01 and Bob Platt '73:** For leading our facility improvement efforts in coordination with Cornell.
- **John Yerger '82:** For his service as the President of Cornell's Alumni IFC and for serving on the DKE International Board.
- **Vin Bertomeu '95 and Bob Platt '73:** For their efforts in identifying deserving awardees for the RTJ Scholarship.
- **Tyler Le Cao '09:** For his contributions serving on the Board for the last 3 years.

Thank You!



- **Pete Bachrach '01:** For his time spent maintaining our chapter website and editing the *Delta Chi Deke* newsletter.
- **Emil Abelaf '75, John Tevebaugh '84, Greig Schneider '85, Scott Brooks '87, Todd Whitlow '87, and Chris Scannell '05:** For their efforts in tracking down copies of composites that we were missing for our house collection.
- **George Fox '61:** To the “father” of perhaps the most cherished DX Deke, Brother Ralph C Mannuni, for making an extra special effort to be in Ithaca for his 65th reunion.

Special Recognition – George Fox '61



Examples of Ralph C Mannuni's importance to DKE:



“RALPH C.” CLUB—Four generations of Ralph C. Mannuni Award recipients pose after the annual Pledge-Brother ice hockey (mis)match. From left are Bob Grossman (1980 winner), John Yerger (1979), Mike Klarberg (1978), and Tim Skarupa (1977). Bob looks pleased to earn the title, “Pledge who tried the hardest and did the least.” But John (with sly grin) knows something Bob doesn’t—the trophy is filled with beer, which the new winner must chug.



Volunteering



We're looking for volunteers to help DKE!

- If you have some time and a passion for DKE, we're always looking for help with some small projects for the chapter.
- You don't need to have a formal position on the Board to participate in volunteer efforts
- Projects can be done from anywhere and on your preferred timeline
- Contact us and let us know what you are interested in and we'll find a way for you to contribute to DKE!

2026 DKE Graduates



To the newest DX of DKE alumni!

Daniel Akinwale

Daniil Rakov

Ismaail Eaddy

Michael Randolph

Patrick Evoleocha

Gavin Ross

Jacob Gonzalez

Sahil Shah

Devansh Khadka

Sebastian Waizzenegger

Deepak Menon



DKE Undergraduate Leaders



To our DKE chapter leaders!

Harry Wang '28

President

Wilman Vlach '28

Vice President – Risk Manager

Koorosh Heidari '29

Treasurer

Santiago Uribe '29

Harrison Burns '29

Nico Reingold '29

Rush Chair

Ariel Vilensky '28

House Manager

Evan Briggs '27

New Member Educator

Luca Crist '27

Alumni Relations Chair

Vance Fulton '29

Gabe Finger '29

Philanthropy Chair

Ethan Wang '29

Secretary



Elections and Appointments



DXA Board Members Continuing



Robert Platt '73

Mike Furman '79

Doug Craw '81

Carl Oronsky '92

Vincent Bertomeu '95

Chris Rauber '95

MacJulian Lang '96

Chris Scannell '05

Kevin Singh '10

Matt Karp '20

DXA Elections: Board Nominees



Board of Directors

3 Year Board Term

Chuck Kerner '74

Mike Curran '79

Adam Leyens '82

Mike Clifford '91

Pete Bachrach '01

Elected Officers

Mike Furman '79

President

Carl Oronsky '92

Treasurer



Questions?

