



The Inaugural International Leadership Summit

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The Kappa chapter hosted the first inaugural Delta Kappa Epsilon International Leadership Summit this summer. Over fifteen chapters were represented at the summit including three chapters from Canada. From Vancouver, British Columbia to Tuscaloosa, Alabama, Dekes from around the world admired both the house and the beautiful Miami Campus.



Brothers from different chapters meet for the first time, telling stories of different traditions

The Leadership Summit took a few of each chapter's current leaders as well as some who were interested in becoming leaders and tried to help them better serve their brothers. During the day panels of Alumni spoke on their experiences from being an active along with stories from some of their personal successes in the

professional world.

In the evenings there was usually a different event each night, including a smoker at the house featuring a whiskey bar, a "DKE Olympics" corn-hole tournament, and a pub-crawl that made its way through uptown Oxford. These events during leisure time brought

together a lot of people and were a great way to network with other Dekes.

On the night before the conclusion of the Summit, there was an awards banquet where the Lion Trophy was awarded. While we did not take it home this time, we did take home some hardware. Our very own Taylor Celestin won the Nick Napolitano award for the best chapter president in DKE. The chapter as a whole won third in both chapter improvement and alumni relations.

The Summit would not have been possible without all the support from our alumni. If we missed their support, the chapter would not have had this amazing opportunity.



The summit gathers for a picture after a smoker with custom DKE cigars

Getting to know the 2014 Executive Board

The 2014 Executive Board is a perfect mixture of new perspective and experience. Many members of the new exec board are new to the environment and mentality but there is still a solid core of past exec members that are able to give insight on the positives and negatives of the way things have been done in the past.

The board is pretty split

between juniors and sophomores, however with Andrew Bammel as the relatively new position of Senior Correspondent, the seniors will still have a voice at all exec meetings. Bammel, the last chapter president, will also be able to offer help and advice to exec with his past experiences.

Another position that is new to the Executive Board is the recently established Internal Social

Chair position that is held by past Social Chair Joop Roberts. The Internal Social Chair is in charge of making sure that all the technical aspects of being Social Chair are taken care of.

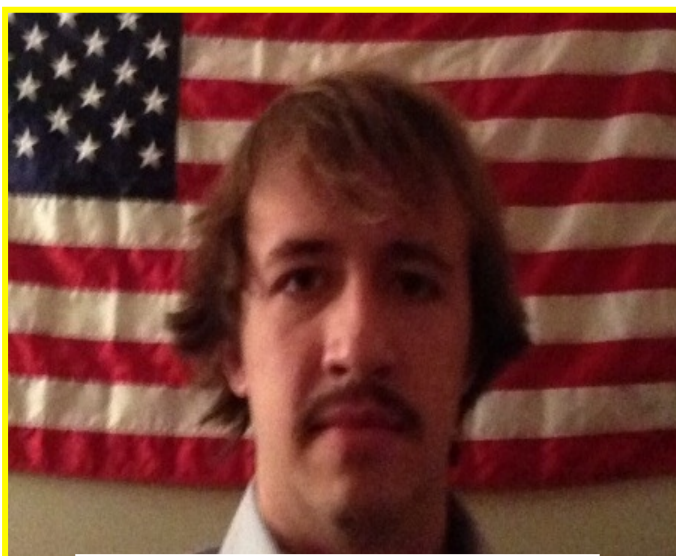
The 2014 Executive Board is focused on improving Kappa as much as possible during their terms. Their goal is to help the chapter improve as much or more than last year.

November

This November the brothers of Kappa grew out their facial hair for Movember, a movement dedicated towards having "an everlasting impact on men's health."

During the month of November, twenty-nine brothers, including one alumnus, grew out mustaches in order to raise awareness for health problems that primarily affect men such as prostate or testicular cancer. Every so often, those participating would take a picture of their progress and post it on their "Mospace", where friends and family were able to sponsor each participant in order to raise money.

Movember brought with it a competitive spirit for nineteen other DKE chapters were also participating in Philanthropic movement.



An example of a Mospace update by Andrew Bammel

The totals for each chapter were listed on a webpage for all to see.

Though some of the mustaches didn't come in that well, the donations did, earning Kappa second place nationally in DKE. We ended up raising over \$2,600 for Movember, which was more than double the amount raised by third

place Sigma Alpha at Virginia Tech.

Movember has since contacted Kappa and interviewed us based on our success and asking us to participate again next November.

Our goal for next time is to beat Gamma at Vanderbilt and raise the most money in DKE.

2014 Executive Board

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"I'm very excited about this exec, there is a real drive to better the chapter."

*-Ryan Shaffer
Vice President*

Upcoming Events

Delta Zeta's Putting on the Hits Philanthropy Event

Date: March 12, 2014

Dad's Weekend

March 14, 2014

Founder's Day

June 22, 2014

Be sure to pay Alumni Dues and vote for Trustees before March 31st!

This can all be done at <https://anedot.com/campaigns/c74039157eb/>

The link can also be found on our website under news posts at <http://kappadke.dekeunited.org/>

Unity Day

On February 1st, the Kappa chapter recognized and honored the accomplishments of several important political figures in Unity Day.

Being the first day of black history month there was

no better way to honor those who have fought for Civil Rights for people everywhere. At 11 am in the spirit of coming together as one, there was a march to Oxford Memorial Park.

When everyone reached

the park, speakers from many different activist groups spoke about the life of Dr. Martin Luther King. The event was a great way to honor the lives and accomplishments of such a big part of civil rights and US history.



Basement Renovations

One of the biggest changes to the house since the last newsletter is all of the updates that have greatly improved the basement. In the past year the basement has gained new lights, a new drainage system, and a refurbished bar that commands the attention of those who see it.

The new lights, which replaced the ones previously installed in 1988, light up the room and give it a fresh new feel. The lighting makes the room look a lot more modern and bright instead

of the dull glow that the lights before had provided. The new lights also give us an opportunity to easily put in black lights for parties.

Cleaning up those parties is now much easier now thanks to the drainage system that was installed this summer. Now instead of always needing to mop up the mysterious liquids that remain after parties, it is simply squeegeed into the drainage system. The basement is now clean with much less effort and much less time spent cleaning.

The centerpiece and biggest sight to see in the basement however is the renovated bar. The bar features wood from a bar built in Indiana, brass plates reclaimed from the old house, custom glass and custom neon. The previous wood front was replaced with glass that now shows intricate and expensive bottles of alcohol that glow in the dark. It is a huge hit at party and a huge draw for potentials. All of the renovations have combined to create a fantastic atmosphere.

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Results of the 2014 Formal Recruitment

Rush week this year was one that was much different than has happened in the past. With temperatures below zero, the University decided to cancel two out of the four days of rush creating a chaotic situation.

Even with all of these extreme circumstances preventing rush from going

completely as planned, Kappa managed to pull a pledge class of 26.

Currently the pledges are practicing their serenades and have just received their pledge pins. They are also getting ready to start preparing a routine for Delta Zeta's Putting On The Hits.

The current Pledge Class

President, Sterling Parker, remarks that he "looks forward to gaining a strong brotherhood with my pledge brothers and the actives. Being the captain of his high school made me want to be a leader and I want to be a leader in this pledge class."

This class makes the second consecutive class that is over twenty-five since re-colonization in 2008. This marks a great milestone for Kappa proving that we can consistently get strong pledge classes.



The pledge class is currently brainstorming themes for their "POTH" routine.

In the Bonds, The Actives of Kappa

