

Kappa Eta Kappa



Homecoming 2025 Newsletter

Delta Alumni Association

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Homecoming Is Saturday, October 11, 2025

Homecoming this year is Saturday, October 11th against Iowa. As of the time of publishing this newsletter, kick-off time has not yet been announced. (Update: Kick-off is at 6:00 pm).

Please join us at the Chapter House for the annual Delta Alumni Association (DAA) sponsored pre-game in-person porch party. We will have snacks, brats, burgers, potato salad and beverages before the game, and serving begins two hours prior to kick-off. We will have the game playing on TV and continue to have food available during the game for those who wish to stay and watch at the house. There is no charge for the porch party, and all KHK alumni and their guests are welcome to attend!

Future Meeting Schedule

Next DAA pre-NEC special meeting Saturday, Feb 7, 2026, Union South, Madison, WI

Next NEC Convention Saturday, Feb 21, 2026 at Iota Chapter, St. Cloud, MN

Delta Exec Board meets each Monday at 7 pm at the Chapter House. All alumni are welcome to attend.

Delta Housing Corporation Update

The Delta Housing Corporation (DHC) collects rent from the chapter to cover annual house expenses (pest control, insurance, and property taxes) plus house maintenance and repair expenses. The DAA has a House Improvement Fund, which helps enable DHC to make capital or large maintenance improvements to the house. Your donations to the DAA House Improvement Fund help us continue our mission to provide affordable housing to members of KHK while improving the house through maintenance and large capital projects.

While our ongoing mission is to keep rent for members as low as possible, over the previous three years the DHC has implemented an increase in rent in order to keep up with increasing tax, insurance costs, ongoing upkeep, and to keep funds available for planned and unplanned maintenance expenses. After many years of consistent rates, starting in fiscal year (FY) 2022-23 the DHC implemented yearly increases in rent changed to Delta Chapter. In FY 2022-23, monthly rent was increased from \$2,600 to \$2,800 (7.7% increase), and subsequently increased to \$3,000 per month in FY 2023-24 (7.1% increase), \$3,300 per month in FY 2024-25 (10% increase), and \$3,600 per month for this FY 2025-26 (9.1% increase). At \$3,600 per month, the cost we charge to the chapter is \$300 per room. We will continue to perform ongoing financial analysis to ensure that revenue keeps up with increasing costs.

The past years have seen many major improvement projects at the Delta chapter house. From 2018 through 2020, every room in the chapter house was renovated, accomplished in part from a large donation from the estate of Steve Paugh, and through generous donations from our alumni members of DAA. The summer of 2021, the front and rear porches of the chapter house were re-stained, and the back parking lot gravel was replaced, with volunteer alumni and active members contributing their time to accomplish these projects. In the summer of 2022, the hardwood floors in all of the common areas of the house were refinished by Sergenian's Floor Coverings.

Please see our DAA website at <https://daa.khk.org> for photos of projects.

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This past summer, the DHC worked with a local plumbing company to repair the shower in the 2nd floor bathroom and replace the aging water softener. In addition to this major work, other smaller projects included cleaning and painting of rooms 22 and 27 with the help of Nicole Kemnitz (D1469), Kristen Menge (D1472), Joe Muehlenkamp (D893), Jerry Peplinski (D916), and Matthew Ye (D1491). In addition to repairs and painting, significant effort is spent on the process of move-in and move-out of chapter house rooms. This process, led by DHC President and Treasurer Jerry Peplinski (D916) with assistance from Joe Muehlenkamp (D893), ensures that issues are addressed before they turn into bigger problems, rooms are clean and free of any unwanted items left behind, and stay in excellent condition for the new members moving in. The DHC is always looking for alumni to help around the house, especially over the summer when there is opportunity for maintenance and improvements to happen.

The next major project the DAA and DHC wish to tackle is an update to the kitchen space, including replacement of lower kitchen cabinets and countertops to match the newer upper cabinets, replacement of the kitchen floor, and updated LED lighting in the kitchen and other common areas. We highlighted this goal last year, and are still working to obtain quotes from local vendors to perform these services, while we continue to collect funds to pay for this work.

We depend on donations from alumni to help continue our mission to improve the chapter house. Last year we collected approximately \$9,300 in donations towards our alumni to the House Improvement Fund, and spent approximately \$3,000 on the aforementioned plumbing and painting work, leaving a remaining balance of approximately \$27,800 to use for our next major project, which will be kitchen cabinets and floor. At the last annual DAA/DHC membership meeting, the decision was made to forgive the loan from the DAA to DHC (executed in July of 2021), for \$20,000, effective July 2025.

The DHC maintains a list of major projects that may come up in the future including replacing all windows in the house, estimated at \$68,000 (depending on the quality of the windows) with the addition of permanently installed air conditioner units, estimated at an additional cost of \$20,000, and new furniture for the living room (cost unknown). Your donations to the House Improvement fund will help us perform this important work.

Chapter Update

New initiates were welcomed into the chapter in Spring of 2025, with a banquet held on April 27, 2025 at The Great Dane, Madison, WI. The chapter welcomed Angelina Chou (D1508), Alex Conover (D1509), Michael Cortese (D1510), James Crowe (D1511), James Der (D1512), Zoe Gureno (D1513), Jasmy Mavilla (D1514), Usman Mohammed (D1515), Nathan Novak (D1516), Eva Skarabot (D1517), Rex Tabachnick (D1518), John Woo (D1519), and Sheridan Zimmerman (D1520) as new active members. We also bid farewell to our Spring 2025 departing seniors Vidit Agrawal (D1459), Arnav Bharadia (D1467), Patrick Brophy (D1449), Jack Klausner (D1442), Benjamin Klicker (D1443), Dev Mehrotra (D1425), and Neha Talluri (D1429). The Chapter currently has 50 active members. The Chapter is currently involved in rush activities for the Fall semester pledge class. The current pledge trainer is Hunter Lawry (D1486) and the chapter president Nicole Kemnitz (D1469).

In addition to welcoming new active members, the chapter also inducted a new Honorary Member. The chapter welcomes Professor Eric Hoffman (Electrical and Computer Engineering) to its membership. We look forward to seeing Prof. Hoffman (D1521H) at Chapter events and welcome his mentorship.

Last year, a Delta Chapter Exceptional Member Award was introduced to recognize active members of the chapter who have gone above and beyond their normal duties. The application includes written personal statement and several criteria including attendance, planning special events, and academic excellence were considered. The Spring 2025 awardee was Arnav Bharadia (D1467). The award includes a framed certificate, \$150 cash award, and a special gift from the chapter president.



Group photo of Delta Chapter active members taken after the initiation banquet on April 27, 2025.

Each year, we ask Delta Alumni for donations to the active chapter, which are used to fund rush events and activities, as well as provide publicity materials. In 2024-25, alumni donated \$4,300 to the active chapter, and the DAA dispersed over \$4,000 in donations to cover chapter rush events and activities.



Former Delta Chapter President Ryan Young (left) and DAA/DHC President Jerry Peplinski (center) presented an honorary membership certificate to Professor Eric Hoffman (right) at the initiation banquet on April 27, 2025.

DAA Update

The DAA had our annual meeting at Union South on Sunday, August 16, 2025. In attendance were the DAA officers – President Jerry Peplinski (D916), Vice President Neha Talluri (D1429), Treasurer Samuel Hurley (D1238), Secretary Parker Jorenby (D1402), and Directors Joseph Muehlenkamp (D893) and John Vaughan (D1143). Delta alumni Samuel Erickson (D1393) and Michael Stemper (D833) were also in attendance, as well as Delta Chapter Vice President Krishnag Patra (D1505). Officer reports were given, the budget for the upcoming year was passed and goals were set for the next year. A copy of the fiscal year (FY) 2024-2025 financial summary is included with this mailing. Our 2024-25 FY ran

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from July 18, 2024 to July 2, 2025. Election of officers was the final order of business. The new officers are listed on the page just before the financial report.



Photo of attendees of the Annual DAA meeting, held at Union South on Aug 16, 2025. **From left to right:** Sam Hurley, John Vaughan (front), Joe Muehlenkamp, Mike Stemper (back), Krish Patra (front), Jerry Peplinski, Sam Erickson, Neha Talluri, and Parker Jorenby.

Membership Renewal Time!

It's time to renew your membership in the Delta Alumni Association! Dues are only \$25 per year, \$10 of which goes to National to provide delegate voting at the convention and support their financial needs. We had 161 members for 2025. Use the enclosed reply slip for your 2026 membership dues. Please return your dues by November 29th, 2025. We hope you will renew for 2026!

In addition to the mail-in form, dues and donations can also be paid online with a credit card at our Delta Alumni Association website. Visit daa.khk.org, and click on the "Dues and Donations" link at the top of the page. You can then fill out a form with your dues payment and any donations you wish to make (please be generous). You do **not** need a PayPal account to pay online with a credit or debit card.

We thank you for your support of the Chapter and of the Delta Alumni Association. Don't forget to return your updated Membership Survey with your membership renewal, or update online at daa.khk.org

*Fraternally Yours,
the Delta Alumni Association*

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

2024-2025 SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT

BEGINNING BALANCE (7/18/2024)	\$	72,310.75
2022-2023 FY INCOME	\$	22,877.94
2022-2023 FY EXPENSES	\$	(36,635.85)
ENDING BALANCE (7/2/2025)	\$	58,552.84

DAA OPERATIONS BREAKDOWN

DUES INCOME	\$	2,415.00
INTEREST INCOME	\$	1,388.94
MISC INCOME (CENTENNIAL)	\$	3,151.00
OFFICE EXPENSES	\$	(962.60)
NEWSLETTER EXPENSES	\$	(1,904.60)
HOMECOMING & CENTENNIAL EVENT EXPENSES	\$	(5,807.92)
MISC EXPENSES (BANKING, UMBRELLA INS.)	\$	(200.00)
PAYPAL FEES	\$	(363.40)
NET GAIN / (LOSS)	\$	(2,283.58)

DAA LOAN TO DHC

FORGIVENESS OF LOAN FROM DAA TO DHC*	\$	(20,000.00)
NET GAIN / (LOSS)	\$	(20,000.00)

*Note: Loan forgiveness withdrawn from DELTA DONATION FUND

DELTA DONATIONS FUND

DONATION INCOME	\$	4,257.00
DONATION EXPENSES	\$	(4,026.93)
NET GAIN / (LOSS)	\$	230.07

HOUSE IMPROVEMENT FUND

DONATION INCOME	\$	9,336.00
DONATION EXPENSES	\$	(1,040.40)
NET GAIN / (LOSS)	\$	8,295.60

NEC DUES AND DONATIONS

NEC DUES RECEIVED	\$	1,600.00
NEC DONATIONS RECEIVED	\$	730.00
NEC DUES FORWARDED	\$	(1,600.00)
NEC DONATIONS FORWARDED	\$	(730.00)
NET GAIN / (LOSS)	\$	-

ACCOUNT BALANCES

	BEGINNING BALANCE	ENDING BALANCE	Δ
GENERAL (OPERATING) FUND	\$ 16,309.73	\$ 14,026.15	\$ (2,283.58)
DELTA DONATION FUND	\$ 36,459.36	\$ 16,689.43	\$ (19,769.93)
HOUSE IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 19,541.66	\$ 27,837.26	\$ 8,295.60
OWED TO NEC (DUES&DONATIONS)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTALS	\$ 72,310.75	\$ 58,552.84	\$ (13,757.91)

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A word from the President and Active members of Delta Chapter of Kappa Eta Kappa

Nicole Kemnitz
President of Delta Chapter – Kappa Eta Kappa

The active chapter is going into the Fall 2025 semester strong with a total of 49 actives. We celebrated 7 graduating seniors in the Spring and currently have 3 additional members going abroad. I am excited as President of the Delta chapter to share with alumni our plans as the semester unfolds.

Our publicity chair, Sheridan Zimmerman, along with her assistants have organized a Mario Kart Grand Prix themed rush season. Attached is an image of the shirt design that actives will wear to rush events for a cohesive look and to help prospective members identify KHK actives. The team also designed a new flyer and brochure to create more consistent branding as we head into recruitment season. Planned rush events include our typical bowling, game night, and study night. However new events are also being implemented. We are holding a Plan and Connect event to help students plan their semester classes and a Mini Golf event at the house, where teams can build different courses to compete against each other!



The fraternity house has completed all the move-ins and move-outs for the Fall. There are 10 members living in the house currently with a mix of new and reoccurring residents. A few actives helped to repaint rooms for new residents as well as join summer house days hosted by the DHC to complete items including yard work, room clean outs, and more. As well, we had a successful first tailgate at the house for the Miami Ohio game! This paves the way for the Homecoming Tailgate coming up on October 11th. Actives are excited to connect with alumni who can join!

Over the summer I held a few executive board meetings with my VP Krishnang Patra. This helped people get comfortable in their new positions and align our goals for the semester. It allowed us to easily transition into the first exec board meeting of the semester and finalize our budget, roster list, and appointed positions.

Lastly the publicity and social media teams have been hard at work to revamp our Instagram @khkdelta. This is a great resource to stay updated on recent happenings, learn about actives holding positions, and more! I recommend that you follow us for these benefits and support us. Please reach out to me if you have any questions, thank you!

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