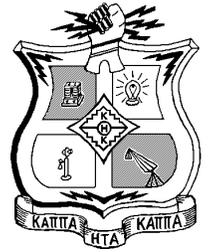


Kappa Eta Kappa



January 2026 Newsletter

Delta Alumni Association

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Happy New Year from the membership of Delta Chapter! We hope you had a Merry Christmas, Joyous Hanukkah, and Happy Holiday season. Thanks for your ongoing support this past year!

The Delta Alumni Association (DAA) hosted our annual Homecoming pre-game warm up and lunch gathering. Thanks to everyone who was able to join us at the house, connect with fellow alumni, and renew old friendships. We wish all of our alumni a happy start to the new 2026 year!

Schedule of Upcoming Meetings / Events

DAA/DHC pre-NEC special meeting	Saturday, February 7, 2026, 1 pm, Madison, WI
99 th NEC Convention.....	Saturday, February 28, 2026, at Iota Chapter, St. Cloud, MN
Engineering Expo	Saturday, April 18, 2026, 9 am to 2 pm, UW-Madison College of Engineering
MARA Hamfest	Saturday, April 18, 2026, 8 am to 12 pm at Mandt Community Center, Stoughton, WI
Delta Exec Board	Each Sunday , time TBD at Delta Chapter. All are welcome to attend!

DAA/DHC Special Membership Meeting – Saturday, February 7th, 2026, 1 pm

The purpose of this meeting is to plan for the 99th annual convention of the National Executive Council (NEC) on February 28th, 2026, to elect our DAA voting delegates, and to elect DHC officers for the upcoming year. A review of the fiscal year 2025 DHC finances and 2026 budget will also be presented. Please let us know if there are any topics or issues you would like added to the agenda. The meeting will take place at the Delta Chapter House, 114 N. Orchard St., Madison, WI. The meeting will start at 1 pm and should adjourn by 4 pm. You are also invited to meet at 11:00 am for a complimentary lunch at the Lucky's Brewpub, 1313 Regent St.

99th NEC Convention – Saturday, February 28th, 2026, 9:00 am

Delta Chapter will host the 99th NEC Convention in St Cloud MN. The meeting start time is 9:00 am, with check-in as the first item of business. An option to attend online may be available, please check the DAA website or national e-mail list for meeting location and details. All current members of the DAA will find enclosed with this letter an NEC delegate proxy form. Please sign and return your proxy ballot to us by Saturday, February 21st, 2026. Alumni of all KHK chapters are welcome to attend the convention and to participate. Please return your proxy, even if you plan to attend in person.

Fraternity Expansion

This Spring 2026 semester, the National Executive Council has been in contact with an engineering club at the University of Chicago, who are interested in forming a new chapter of Kappa Eta Kappa. The Delta Chapter is assisting in the effort to convert the current student organization into Kappa Chapter of Kappa Eta Kappa, and is planning to host one or more initiation events in Madison for Kappa Chapter prospectives this semester.

Chapter Update

The Fall rush events resulted in the addition of 9 new actives who completed the fall pledging process and were formally inducted into Delta Chapter of Kappa Eta Kappa on Sunday, December 7th, followed by the Fall initiation banquet held at The Essen Haus. The chapter president was Nicole Kemnitz (D1469) and the pledge trainer was Hunter Lawry (D1486).

We welcome our new initiates: Logan Conover (D1522), James DeSilver (D1523), Luke Jordan (D1524), Daniel Kazanov (D1525), Katie Leitz (D1526), Steve Lin (D1527), Isabella Lisle (D1528), Kevin Tseng (D1529), Kevin Zhang (D1530). We bid farewell to five graduating seniors, Andrew Diener, Dhruv Kerai, Kristen Menge, Nicole Kemnitz, and Daniel Zimmerman. With 9 new members initiated and 5 members graduating, the chapter has a total of 50 active members for the Spring 2026 semester.



Delta Chapter members at the Delta Chapter house prior to the initiation banquet dinner on December 7th 2026.

Delta Chapter introduced the Exceptional Member Award in Spring of 2024 to recognize active members of the chapter who have gone above and beyond their normal duties. The Fall 2025 awardees were Alex Conover (D1509), Raghav Jindal (D1483), and Rachith Anasuri (D1466). The award includes a framed certificate, \$150 cash award, and a special gift from the chapter president.

DHC Update

The Delta Housing Corporation (DHC) is the organization that collects rent from the chapter to cover annual house expenses, plus maintains funds needed for house maintenance and repairs. Your donations to the DAA House Improvement Fund will help us continue our mission to provide affordable housing to members of KHK while improving the house through maintenance and large capital projects.

The DHC maintains a list of major projects that may come up in the future, including installing new kitchen cabinets, countertops, and kitchen flooring, cost estimate unknown; replacing all windows in the house,

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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. Your donations to the House Improvement fund will help us perform this important work.

DAA Update

The Delta Alumni Association is in excellent financial shape, and continues to actively engage and support the chapter, providing guidance at weekly Executive Board meetings and offering financial assistance for rush events, chapter activities, new computer and electronics equipment, and proposals for student-led projects.

In our Homecoming 2025 newsletter, we made a special call for donations to the DAA House Improvement Fund to enable continued house renovations; this year we have collected approximately \$6,400 towards this fund. This coming summer, we plan to focus on improving the chapter house kitchen, and are working with vendors to get quotes on a kitchen lower cabinets, countertops, and flooring. If you have not already done so, please consider a contribution. We have also collected \$2,700 in donations to the Delta Chapter and \$540 for National. To date, 112 alumni have renewed their DAA membership.

In Memorial

Since the January 2024 newsletter, we were made aware of the passing of the following Delta Alumni: Clarence Butenhoff (D546) passed away on 5/9/2024 at age 94; Richard Mading (D604) 11/23/2020 age 81; Thomas Maresca (D385) 1/22/2017 age 90; Charles McKnight (D516) 3/29/1994 age 59; Gary Meyer (D799) 11/21/2019 age 68; Carl Much (D572) 1/28/2024 age 85; Leon Smith (D240) 10/14/2012 age 92; Paul Spangler (D573) 5/16/2025 age 87; Richard Strauss (D767) 9/17/2025 age 77; Kenneth Thyberg (D773) 6/9/2023; Mark Van Susteren (D768) 1/27/2025 age 76; and William Zarnstorff (D1101H) 6/17/2024 age 91. We honor their contributions to the field of Electrical Engineering and their devotion to family and friends.

DAA 2026 Membership Renewal

This letter will be our last request asking you to join or renew your membership in Delta Alumni Association for the 2026 year. There are 112 alumni who have already renewed their DAA membership as of January 23rd, and a list of these members can be found on the next page. Your current membership status can be found above your address on the envelope / survey, and the enclosed reply slip will indicate if we have already received your 2026 dues. If your membership is about to expire, please return your 2026 renewal using the enclosed reply slip, or online at daa.khk.org. Thanks to all for supporting Delta Chapter and the Delta Alumni Association.

If you are not a current member of DAA, we hope you will consider joining your fellow alumni in supporting the Aims and Ideals of Kappa Eta Kappa. We are considering new delivery options for the newsletter, including online-only or hybrid online and mail formats. Please indicate your preference for newsletter delivery format on the enclosed reply slip or online survey, and make sure to update your e-mail address and contact information.

Fraternally Yours, The Delta Alumni Association

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Delta Alumni Association of KHK 2026 Membership

Our Membership to date is 112. Thank you for your support of the Delta Alumni Association.

*In addition to dues, names with \$ made a Delta donation, N made an NEC donation, and D donated to DHC House Improvement Fund.
If your name isn't on this list, please join or renew your 2026 membership.**

2026 Members

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D N \$ Alf Donald L D653	D Klinge Ron E D809	D \$ Shafer James H D717
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D Cary Richard W D600	\$ Linzmeier Daniel A D949	D Tilley Dr. James A D846
D \$ Choncholas Gary J D896	\$ Mattson George W D1013	D Tschohl Craig C D744
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D N \$ Dargel Robert H D596	D \$ Muehlenkamp Joseph K D893	D Whitman Rollin L D745
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