

Delta Sigma Delta

INTERNATIONAL DENTAL FRATERNITY



Knowledge • Strength • Justice

THE SPIRIT OF DELTA SIGMA DELTA
WILLIAM CHARLES STILLSON

Long ago, it was brought into being

By noble minds having high and laudable purpose

Down through the years, it has been nurtured and sustained

By loyal hearts and enthusiastic hands

It embodies helpfulness, friendliness, and brotherly love

It does not indulge in calumny nor harbor malevolence

While recognizing the eligibility and worthiness of many

It is meticulous in the selection of a few

It teaches youth many things - to be thoughtful, gentle, tolerant

To respect the rights of men, to seek excellence

It is a brilliant star in dentistry

Pointing to superior attainment, noting meritorious accomplishment

Beckoning toward perfection

Through its influence our profession is enriched

Humanity is better served

And happiness is increased.

. Fraternity Facts .

Objective *To keep high the standards of dentistry by instilling in the minds of dental students and practitioners a spirit of fraternal cooperation toward scientific, ethical, and professional progress through fellowship and Knowledge, Strength, and Justice.*

Motto Knowledge, Strength, Justice

Founded November 15, 1882, at Alpha Chapter
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Official Publication *Desmos*

Learn your chapter's birthdate.

Professional vs. Social Fraternities



This booklet is presented to acquaint the incoming dental student with the principles and benefits of belonging to a professional fraternity. The social fraternity to which many of you belong is primarily geared to college days and most activities usually end upon graduation. College fraternity brothers drift apart and pursue various careers such as engineering, medicine, law, teaching, and business.



A professional fraternity is entirely different - members have the same interests and objectives - a common bond! The benefits derived from a professional dental fraternity are for a lifetime. To many it will prove the most valuable experience in their entire lives. It will also present many opportunities to make professional and personal friends who will play an important part in your future, far greater than most of you can appreciate at the moment. IT IS A LIFETIME INVESTMENT!



• History •

The Greek Letter Fraternity has become an integral part of the American system of higher education. The first Greek Letter Society came into being shortly after the signing of the Declaration of Independence, when Phi Beta Kappa was founded by five student companions at the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia on December 5, 1776. Of all the professional fraternities in existence today, Phi Delta Phi in the field of Law was established first, being founded in 1869 at the University of Michigan. Nu Sigma Nu, the first organization admitting only medical students, was established at Michigan in 1882, and the first professional dental fraternity Delta Sigma Delta was likewise founded at Michigan in 1882.

Two dental students - Louis Mitchell and Charles Howard - at the University of Michigan School of Dentistry in Ann Arbor conceived the forming of Delta Sigma Delta Fraternity. They stimulated classmates, and on November 15, 1882, seven dental students founded the first dental fraternity in the world. For a name, they transposed the initials of the D.D.S. degree, which they were soon

to receive, to D.S.D. and substituted the Greek letters $\Delta \Sigma \Delta$ for the English. Thus, Delta Sigma Delta was born, and that first chapter became known as the Alpha Chapter.

After graduation these men became scattered in all directions, but they strongly desired to maintain their associations and friendships. This was the beginning of the Supreme or Alumni Chapter, which was also founded in Ann Arbor at the time of their graduation from dental school in 1884.

Soon a second chapter, Beta, was formed at the Chicago College of Dental Surgery in 1885 by Dr. L.L. Davis who had migrated there to practice dentistry. Then a third, Gamma, at Harvard was begun. And so, we grew! Today there are 32 active undergraduate chapters in dental schools throughout the United States. Twenty-five alumni or graduate chapters are located in most states, including Hawaii.

There is a European Continental Chapter consisting of five Graduate Chapters located in Belgium, London, Holland, Paris, and the Scandinavian countries. The Australasia region has six Graduate Chapters: five located in Australia - the Victoria, New South Wales, South Australia, Queensland, Western Australia Chapters - and one chapter in New Zealand.

Over 57,000 members have been initiated since the fraternity was founded in 1882. Presently, its 24,600 Life Members are located in all the principal cities of the world and in many smaller communities in this country and abroad. Delta Sigma Delta is truly an International Fraternity.

• Delta Sigma Delta •

Delta Sigma Delta was established by far-sighted professionals - men of vision - who possessed the desire to render the best dental services in the highest professional manner. It was intended to bring together not only the most talented students of dentistry while in school, but by the establishment of the Supreme Chapter it brought in outstanding teachers and practitioners.

Professional fraternities have strong faculty support because of the high standards required for the establishment of a chapter on a campus. These fraternities feature professional and educational programs as well as the usual social functions, and they have active alumni associations. A good scholastic average is an important criterion for membership, but also leadership, ability to get along with others, and being service oriented are additional qualities that are evaluated. Delta Sigma Delta seeks persons who are committed to working with the membership toward the goals promoting excellence and advancement in dentistry.

The Supreme Chapter is designated as the administrative or governing body of the fraternity. Student membership of three or four years is a maturation period leading to the time of graduation and to Life Membership in the Supreme Chapter.

• Life Membership •

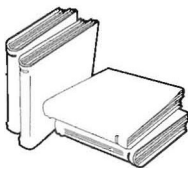
ONCE A MEMBER ALWAYS A MEMBER! Any person once initiated into Delta Sigma Delta and who has paid the required initiation and Life Membership fees is a member for life. No more dues to pay to the Supreme Chapter! You will, of course, have dues to your local Graduate Chapter should you become a member of one. From time to time, however, the Supreme Chapter may solicit voluntary contributions from its members to help support the many activities of the Fraternity.

A Life Membership fee is paid only once to the Supreme Chapter - when the candidate is initiated from the profession or when transferred through a dental college chapter at the time of graduation. This membership makes one eligible to attend any and all graduate or undergraduate chapter meetings or functions held in the United States, wherever there is an active chapter. The Supreme Chapter meets annually at or near the time and place of the annual meeting of the American Dental Association.

Twenty-five city or state Delta Sig graduate chapters meet regularly in the U.S. during state, city, or local dental meetings, allowing fraternity members to reunite, dine, and converse with old friends and classmates and also to meet the new members attending these sessions. Many graduate chapters provide continuing education courses as part of their membership. For the new graduate, membership provides a mechanism to meet one's peers and share ideas on patient services or perhaps to discuss the possibilities of association. The Graduate Chapters (usually in the larger cities) invite Supreme Chapter members to join these local groups. Dues are collected for such organized groups when one is a member. If a graduate chapter does not exist in your area, you can become a graduate member-at-large by paying a small yearly fee. This will give you an opportunity to help support the activities of the fraternity in pursuit of its goals.

• Delta Sigma Delta Educational Foundation •

The Educational Foundation was chartered in Minnesota in 1941 by a group of Delta Sig dentists for the purpose of encouraging and assisting dental students financially.



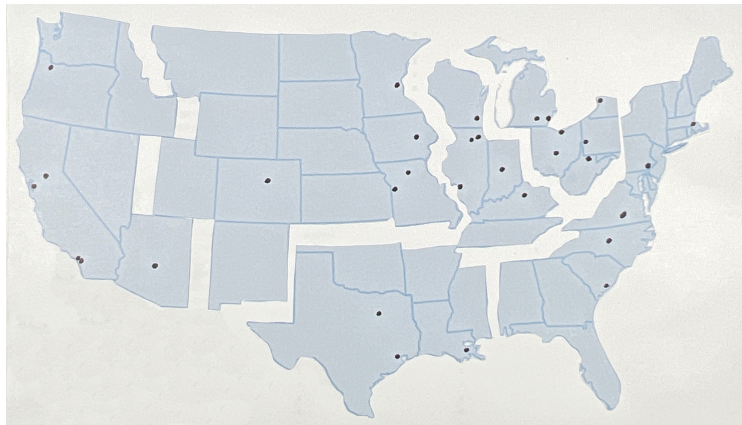
Since 1941 the Foundation has granted countless, low interest loans totaling nearly a million dollars. The loan fund grew by generous contributions from loyal Delta Sigs over the years. The Foundation invests the principal and only interest is loaned. The loan amount and interest rate are reviewed yearly at the time of the Supreme Chapter Meeting. \$10,000 loans are available now. Loan applications and conditions are available from undergraduate chapter advisors or directly from the Foundation.

• Annual Regional Meetings - ARMs •

Our 32 Undergraduate Chapters are divided into six regional geographic areas in the United States: Eastern, Southern, Mideastern, Central, Midwestern, and Western.

Undergraduate representatives from each chapter, plus the chapter advisors, and graduate chapter representatives convene once a year in their respective regions at a pre-determined city, usually in the spring of the year. They discuss undergraduate chapter problems to find solutions for the benefit and advancement of the college chapters, and through resolutions they may make proposals to the Supreme Chapter for improvement of the Fraternity. These meetings are also a great opportunity to become acquainted with Delts from other dental colleges in their respective areas.

Regional meetings were founded in 1932 and have been held every year since on a rotating schedule. National meetings were held in Chicago in 1933 during the Century of Progress and in 1982 at the Centennial Anniversary. Multi-region meetings have been held on special occasions near the Museum at Alpha Chapter in Ann Arbor.



EASTERN

Epsilon Pennsylvania
Mu Tufts
Omicron Omicron Med Col Virginia
Upsilon Upsilon North Carolina
Alpha Beta South Carolina

CENTRAL

Xi Indiana
Rho Illinois UIC
Eta Eta Marquette
Alpha Kappa Southern Illinois
Alpha Xi Kentucky
Alpha Omicron Midwestern Illinois

MIDEASTERN

Alpha Michigan
Lambda Case Western
Pi Buffalo
Sigma Pittsburgh
Mu Mu Ohio State
Pi Pi Detroit
Chi Chi West Virginia

SOUTHERN

Zeta Zeta Louisiana State
Lambda Lambda Texas A&M
Tau Tau Texas- Houston

MIDWESTERN

Nu Missouri Kansas City
Theta Minnesota
Gamma Gamma Iowa
Alpha Delta Colorado
Alpha Rho Missouri St Lou

WESTERN

Zeta California San Fran
Psi Oregon
Chi Southern California
Alpha Nu Arizona Phoenix
Alpha Pi California Pomona
Alpha Sigma California Sacramento

• European Continental Chapter •

In Europe there are five Graduate Chapters located in Belgium, London, Paris, Holland, and the Scandinavian countries. There are no Undergraduate Chapters at any of the dental schools in Europe. The European Continental Chapter is composed only of graduate members, who have been nominated and elected to membership by chapter members. There are approximately 220 members in the European Continental Chapter. All chapters in Europe meet regularly and they all have their Anniversary Meetings. Once a year they have a joint meeting with Brothers and Sisters from a European Chapters, and also invited members from the US and Australia/New Zealand.

• The Australasian Chapters •

There are six Graduate Chapters, located in Victorian, New South Wales, South Australia, Queensland, West Australia, and New Zealand. The approximate total membership is 340.

Supreme Chapter members are located nearly everywhere in the world, including remote places such as Honduras, Jamaica, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Monte Carlo, Trinidad, the Philippines, and South Africa. You may meet Delta Sig members who share your goals wherever you travel.



The DENTISTRY emblem was adopted in 1965 by the American Dental Assn.

• Our Heritage •



G.V. Black
World famous author,
teacher, researcher, dean,
the Father of
"Modern Dentistry."
1836-1915
Honorary Member Beta
1885



Truman W. Brophy
Pioneer in cleft palate surgery.
Founder of Chicago College
of Dental Surgery.
1848-1928
Honorary Member Beta
1885



C. Edmund Kells
First man to use the x-ray
in dentistry, 1896, six
months after Roentgen Ray
was discovered.
1856-1928
Supreme Chapter 1901



W.H. Taggart
Inventor of accurate
method of dental
casting restorations for
restorative dentistry.
1855-1933
Supreme Chapter 1908

Our history is replete with the names of pioneers in the development of dentistry. This list reads Like a Who's Who of World Dentistry. Scores of dentists could be included in this list, but space permits naming only a few:

Willoughby D. Miller: First dental bacteriologist and proponent of the role of microorganisms in causing dental caries.

Col. William H.G. Logan: Established the Army Dental Corps and became the first Chief, Dental Division, Surgeon-General's Office.

Harvey J. Burkhart: Founder and Supervisor of world-wide Eastman Dental Clinics.

Percy R. Howe: Scientist and scholar. First Director, Forsythe Dental Infirmary for Children.

Charles N. Johnson: Dean of dental editors and for many years editor of the Journal of the American Dental Association.

Gerald H. Leatherman (London): For 28 years he was Secretary-General of the Federation of World Dentists.

Thomas P Hinman: Founder of Hinman Dental Meeting, held annually in the United States.

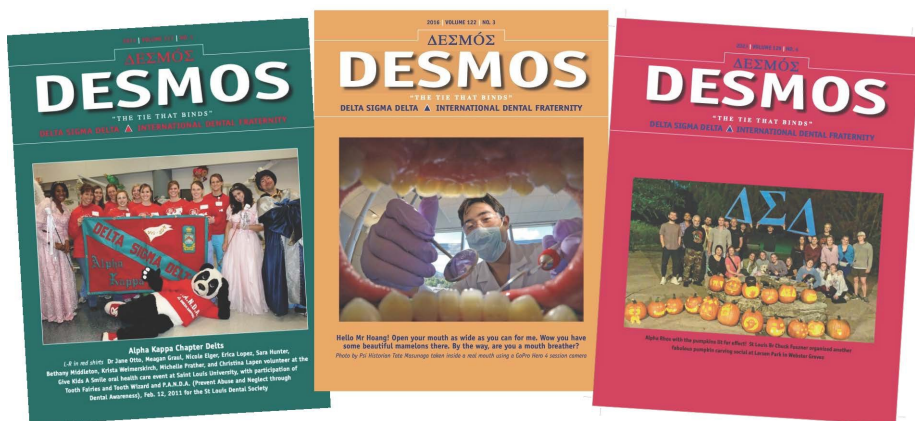
Scores of deans of U.S. schools of dentistry.

Scores of past presidents of the American Dental Association and state dental associations.

Over the years, many British and Australian dentists have been knighted for their services to dentistry and the British crown.

Many Delts have been of notable aid to humankind as volunteers of the Hospital Ship HOPE, and others have served individually in Africa, Guatemala, South America, New Guinea, Indonesia, and other developing nations throughout the world. Dr. Barry Simmons of Athens, Georgia, U.S.A., founded Dental Health International in 1973.

• Desmos •



DESMOS, the official publication of Delta Sigma Delta, was first published in October 1894, and has been in continuous circulation since then. It is published quarterly and mailed to all members throughout the world. The journal contains dental and fraternal news of members, undergraduate and graduate chapter newsletters, general and local announcements, interesting historical articles, plus a wide selection of timely photographs of fraternal interest.

A directory of members throughout the world is published periodically.



Brothers Frank Clifford and Kermit Knudtzon
at museum dedication, April 12, 1975

• Delta Sigma Delta Museum •

The Delta Sigma Delta Museum - the culmination of a lifetime of effort by its founder, Brother Frank O. Clifford, Alpha '16 - is housed in the Bentley Historical Library on the North Campus of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor where the Fraternity was founded in 1882. It is the only fraternity to have a museum on the campus.

The museum is attractively arranged with pictures of our founders, charter members, and such dental giants as: G.V Black, C. Edmund Kells, Lou Mitchell, Russel Bunting, L.L. Davis, W.D. Tracy, L.M. James, William Taggart, Truman Brophy, C.N. Johnson, and countless others. A bound set of DESMOS, personal fraternity jewelry, honor badges plus dental plaques, and other interesting historical items including copies of textbooks and journals written by Delta Sigs are in the archives.

• What Delta Sigma Delta Means To Me •

Dr. Steve C. Wallace - Upsilon Upsilon,

Membership in Delta Sigma Delta was a focal point of my four years in dental school. The lasting friendships there were forged in the heat of graduate academics and tempered with group purpose and shared pleasures. How awe-inspiring to a new initiate to observe an upperclassman Delt casually solder his inlay margin during a commercial break from the "Tube" and what a tremendous feeling of camaraderie to actually rub shoulders with real live faculty members during Rush.

The friendships made through Delta Sigma Delta will last throughout the years and make meeting a dentist who turns out to be a Delt immediately easy and pleasant.

Dr. Craig E. Nixon - Alpha Gamma,

I became more active in the fraternity as deputy of the Alpha Gamma Chapter at the University of Florida, College of Dentistry. This provided me with an opportunity for additional student contact outside the classroom and clinic. This tenure was highlighted by the Chapter's positive impact in the community - an impact that had a strong reflection on the College. It was also rewarding to follow the many successes of the members as they managed four years of a demanding curriculum.

At the graduate level, I've found that my involvement is based primarily on fraternalism. The national and regional meetings offer a cross-section of member training, specialties, and geographies. This variety is a unique educational experience that is surrounded by the kindness and generosity of Delta Sigma Delta members.

Dr. Steven J. Lantzy- Rho,

As a freshman dental student (a little older than most), I joined Delta Sigma Delta to establish a connection with enthusiastic and dedicated future dentists. Upperclassmen Delt offered a level of professionalism and leadership that assured me I had chosen the right dental fraternity. As I became involved with Delta Sigma Delta, I constantly grew in knowledge, skill, and a sense of values as a result of associating with fellow Delt students and Delt faculty.

As a practicing dentist, Delta Sigma Delta means the highest standards. It means always striving to do the best, be the best, and to put the patient's well-being first.

Dr. Quentin M. Ringenberg - Omicron,

The influence of Delta Sigma Delta on my life is so encompassing that it would be impossible to do more than highlight the rewards I have enjoyed by being a Delt Brother.

I was impressed early with the worthy goals - "To keep high the standards of dentistry" and to advocate "a spirit of fraternal cooperation toward scientific, ethical, professional progress."

Beyond efforts toward professional excellence, the fellowship I have enjoyed through the years is priceless. I count among my best friends many

Delts who have enriched my life. I observed through the years the dedication of these people who served the interests of the Fraternity without seeking personal glory. Yes, I would have to say that my relationships with Delt friends rank at the top with the professional enhancement I have received through my affiliation.

It is my fervent hope that those who follow will keep the ideas of Delta Sigma Delta uppermost and strive to maintain the intent of its Founders. I can promise that if they uphold our principles and work to keep our Fraternity strong and effective, they will reap untold benefits.

• Views of Undergraduate Members •

Robert J. Lesny

When I began my dental education, I realized that I was committing myself to a lifetime of learning. The anatomy, biochemistry, and occlusion classes would lead to technique labs, clinical rotations and eventually graduation. After graduation would come a GPR, or an associateship, or maybe my own practice. Then there are continuing education classes, dental conventions, journal articles, and manufacturer reps trying to sell me their products. Who would I turn to for advice when I'm out in the real world? How about now?

After becoming a member of Delta Sigma Delta, I found that years of experience are now available to me. Whether it is help from student members or advice from alumni, the Delts are always a rich source of support. Furthermore, since Delta Sigma Delta is an international dental fraternity, this support extends far beyond the walls of the college of dentistry. My involvement in the fraternity allows me to be part of this network, now as a student and later as an alumnus.

Theresa Westfallen

I have always felt that becoming involved in school organizations enriches one's experience. When I met the Delts, their friendliness and camaraderie, as well as interest in my progress, made them the choice for me.

The combination of Delta Sigma Delta's formal and informal social events with academic activities, such as tutoring and mock practical exams, helps to balance the intensity of the dental program. There is always a Delt nearby to answer a question, clear up confusion, or share in an accomplishment.

Rudolfo Valente

I joined the Delts to meet other dental students with similar interests, to help broaden my knowledge of the dental profession by gaining insights from those who are involved in the field, and to begin making both professional and social contacts with others that will last a lifetime.

Test preparation, skull anatomy and dental anatomy reviews, special lectures, product demonstrations, and happy hours are numerous activities - both academic and social - from which much can be gained. You will develop new friendships with people from your class as well as other classes that will potentially last a lifetime. You have the opportunity to meet and speak with numerous dental health care professionals.

Urania Funteas

I joined the Delts so I could meet my upperclassmen, other dentists (big brother/sister program) and instructors. When I joined, many senior Delts were informative and helpful with lab work through their past experiences.

Delts offer lasting friendships, help with schoolwork, and can offer opportunities for students to observe in dentists' offices during dental practice and for contacts after graduation. There is a fraternal bonding with fellow members.

Jenn Hokanson

When it came time for me to choose whether I wanted to be part of a dental fraternity, the big question was which one. Which fraternity represented dentistry in a way that I could be honored to be a part of as well as benefit from membership? Delta Sigma Delta was the right choice for me for many reasons.

The main reason I became a Delt was I felt as a fraternity Delta Sigma Delta represents what I believe to be the goals of dentistry: to provide service to the community, professional support for one another, and educational programs. Brotherhood through Delta Sigma Delta is life long and requires commitment. It provides many rewarding experiences and opportunities if you are willing to take part and get involved.



