

# SCIMITAR IX

## The Newsletter for Region IX's Delta Chi Alumni

### Region IX Calendar of Events

#### 16-18 Feb 2019

Region IX Regional Leadership  
Conference USP Philadelphia –  
"AA" Aaron Otto to attend

#### 27-29 Sep 2019

3rd Region IX Alumni  
Leadership Retreat  
Front Royal VA

### Regent Campus Visits Fall 2019

#### 20-23 Sep 2018

East Stroudsburg, Lehigh, USP,  
West Chester Visits

#### Oct 2018

Ferrum Visit – date not set  
Pittsburg, Duquesne,  
Johnstown – date not set  
Virginia Tech Officer Retreat –  
14 Oct

#### Nov 2018

Virginia Tech Colony Initiation  
– 10 Nov  
Chapel Hill Initiation  
Delaware Initiation

## Convention Re-Elects Aaron Otto to Lead Two More Years



The brothers of Delta Chi reelected Aaron Otto to a second term as President by an overwhelming majority on 4 Aug 2018 in Denver, CO. Aaron defeated Brother Bill Thomas of Georgia Southern. Brother Otto – a graduate of our Kansas State Chapter – had previously served as "CC" and "DD" of the fraternity. While working in Washington some years past, he also served as Regent for Region IX.

Region IX had a large delegation with 54 undergraduates and 20 alumni representing all 21 of our chapters and colonies. Duquesne and Wilmington had the largest delegations with seven and five brothers respectively.

William & Mary, Lehigh and the Chapel Hill Colony carried off numerous awards in the Red Division for chapters and colonies on major campuses. Ferrum, USP and Fredonia won awards in the Buff Division for chapters and colonies on smaller campuses.



## Meet Our New Regent for Western Pennsylvania

Brother Matt Richardson — a graduate of Duquesne University — has joined the Region IX Alumni Leadership Team to serve as Vice Regent for our Western Pennsylvania Chapters. Matt is currently the Director of Fraternity & Sorority Life at West Virginia. Prior to his appointment at WVU, Matt served as the Coordinator of Fraternity & Sorority Life at the University of Pittsburgh since 2013. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Duquesne University in 2009, a Master of Arts degree in Higher Education Administration in 2011, and a Doctor of Education degree in Higher Education from the University of Pittsburgh in 2013.



William & Mary also won the award for most improved chapter. In addition the chapter won awards for excellence in advising and governance, achievement in alumni relations, excellence in housing and achievement in involvement.

Our young chapter at Ferrum led our chapters in the Buff Division with awards for achievement in alumni relations, financial management and involvement. Our new colony at Chapel Hill surprised us with awards for excellence in scholarship and in financial management.

The President's Cup went to Kansas State in the Red Division and Tri-State in the Buff Division. The AA announced at the end of Convention that the next conclave of the fraternity will take place in 2020 in St. Louis.



**Region IX Alumni Leadership Team at the Closing Banquet:** Regent Gene Dorris, Vice Regents Darren Talbert, Greg Otten [and spouse], Matt Richardson, Former Regent [and Past AA] Bill Williams, Former Regent Doug Chananie [and spouse], Delaware Colony BB Matt Roland and Chapel Hill Colony BB Jeff Clemons



## ..... **WANTED: Looking for the Accountant!** .....

If you are living in the Greater Washington DC Area and are a professional accountant, we need your help. We recently discovered that the former “D” at one of our chapters may have absconded with more than \$5000. The former “D” is now in Europe on a semester abroad and the books are in such a bad shape that the current “D” and BB are unable to decipher whether the former “D” stole the money or was just a horrible bookkeeper. If you can help please give Vice Regent Greg Otten a call [703-303-7819] or an email at [gregg@dav-mar.com](mailto:gregg@dav-mar.com).

## ..... **DCEF Elects a New President** .....

**Lyle Sprinkle** [Georgia Tech '96] was elected the new President of the Delta Chi Education Foundation [DCEF] during the recent Convention in Denver. Lyle is a New Founder and served previously as the Secretary of the Foundation. He succeeded **Jim Marascio** [Bryant '93] who stepped down after serving many years as the head of the Foundation. Although their home chapters are not in Region IX, both Lyle and Jim live in Region IX — Lyle in Pittsburg and Jim in Charlotte. We expect to see both of them at the next Regional Leadership Conference in February 2019.

## ..... **Delta Chi Launches New Colony at Virginia Tech** .....

Delta Chi's Expansion Team landed at Blacksburg VA on 11 Aug to launch a recolonization at Virginia Tech. Recruitment for the new colony is going through two stages. In stage one which preceded formal rush, the expansion team led by Leadership Consultant Kenny White – a Pittsburg brother – and supported by Max Harper [Ferrum], JC MCGeary [Colorado State] and Manuel Macias [San Bernadino], signed up 34 Founding Fathers.

In stage two – the formal rush stage which ended on 17 Sep – the expansion team issued 50 more bids. According to the team leader Kenny White, the team is expecting at least 25 more Founding Fathers to take bids. White explained that the choice for most of those receiving bids is not between Delta Chi and another fraternity but whether the rushee will pledge or not pledge Delta Chi.

White explained to Scimitar IX that there is an unsatisfied demand for fraternity membership on the VT campus because fraternities using traditional recruiting methods have overlooked many quality men. Our expansion team threw out the standard ways of recruiting through parties and events and built a massive name list of over 1200 possible candidates, using Instagram to connect with potential brothers in innovative ways and focusing on one-on-one meetings.

According to White, the team expects to have a 60-70 man class. They are planning on a Founding Fathers' Retreat on 23 Sep and an Officers' Retreat on 14 Oct. The Colony has scheduled its initiation of the first class of Founding Fathers on 10 Nov.

Heather Lockwood, Director of Fraternity Growth has recruited a team of alumni to support the new Colony. Greg Cauffman – previously the Ferrum ABT President – will serve as BB of the Colony. There is still time to get involved. Brothers interested in working with the colony should contact Heather Lockwood at 319 594-1198 or Greg Cauffman at 540 998-9805.

## Hurricane Florence Puts UNC Wilmington Chapter Under Water

Hurricane Florence is receding as we go to press but our Wilmington Chapter is currently closed and waiting for the University to reopen. Wilmington is still underwater in many places, and the police and local security personnel have blockaded the campus to deter looting and sent all students home.

According to chapter "A" Ivan Browning who is currently up on the West Virginia and Virginia border with his grandparents, the University is closed until at least 21 Sep, Wilmington, he says, has become an island and disconnected from the mainland due to the flooding.

Ivan added that Greek Life at Wilmington is already planning to start a donation drive and **gofundme** page to help with the whole community when the campus reopens. If you are interested in supporting the drive, you can contact Ivan at [910] 228-6136 [iwb1408@uncw.edu](mailto:iwb1408@uncw.edu).



## VCU Suspends Delta Chi for Four Years!

In a continuing saga at Virginia Commonwealth, after taking the Delta Chi chapter off of probation this past spring, the VCU Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life slapped a four year suspension on the Delta Chi chapter in August without going through judicial proceedings. Delta Chi International Headquarters responded by hiring a specialized law firm, CoKinos/Young, to take on the case.

CoKinos/Young responded on 31 Aug with an eleven page appeal of the suspension. The University has acknowledged receipt of the appeal. The next step in the appeal process is likely a review in the judicial process with Delta Chi having the opportunity to present our case.

For more information on the case, we recommend you contact the VCU BB Aaron Gilbert [[aarongilb@yahoo.com](mailto:aarongilb@yahoo.com)].



## Region IX “Pods”

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In an effort to better connect with Alumni and Undergraduate brothers, Region IX Alumni Leadership has broken Region IX into four pods, assigning a Vice Regent to each to support the needs of the brotherhood. Matt Richardson [412 339-7130] is the Vice Regent in charge of the West Pennsylvania pod which covers the Duquesne, Pittsburg, Johnstown, Behrend, Gannon, Fredonia and Penn State Chapters and the Three Rivers Alumni Chapter.

Steven Tambo [484 574-6415] is the Vice Regent in charge of the Eastern Pennsylvania-Delaware pod that covers our colony at Delaware and our chapters at East Stroudsburg, Lehigh, USP and West Chester. Greg Otten [703 303-7819] is the Vice Regent for Tidewater Virginia-DC-MD. His chapters include American, George Mason, VCU and Wm & Mary, and the Capital Area Alumni Chapter.

Jason Gonzalez [786 280-9957] is serving as Vice Regent for Piedmont VA and North Carolina, supporting our colonies at Chapel Hill and Virginia Tech, our chapters at Ferrum, Radford and Wilmington and our Alumni chapters at Charlotte and Cape Fear. In addition Vice Regent Darren Talbert [904 536-8990] is supporting alumni recruitment for the development of our next colony at Towson in Maryland in the fall of 2019.

## Summer Rush with the Bulls

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Last spring one of Delta Chi's Leadership Consultants from the Deep South, Zac Howell, suggested we set up a special Region wide rush event during the summer, inviting rushees from different chapters to attend a professional baseball game. Region VIII has been doing this for years, Zac said, attending Atlanta Braves games in a large group. We decided to run a pilot and invited chapters in the VA-NC area to attend a Durham Bulls game in August.

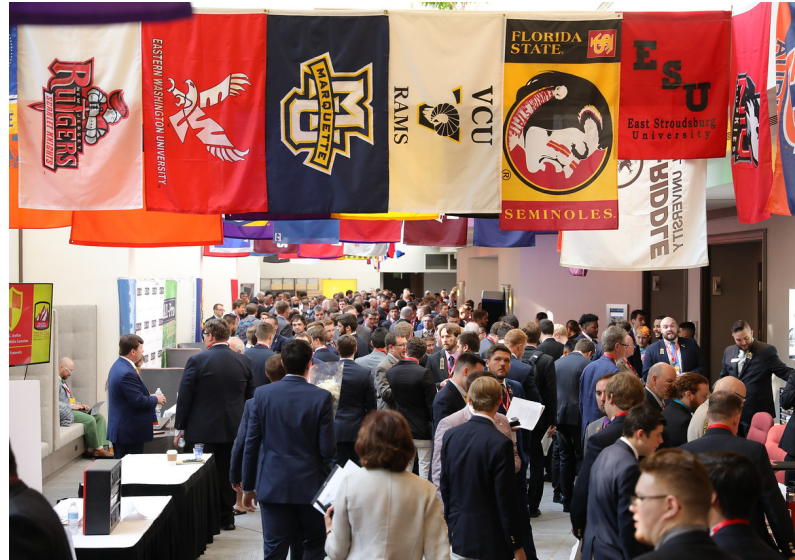
Both Chapel Hill and Wilmington joined the festivities on 11 Aug and with a group of 20 that included alumni, brothers and rushees. Doug Meckes — an Auburn Alumni from the previous century and a Wilmington ABT member — helped organize the event by arranging a box at the game. Wilmington brought six rushees to the game, two of whom pledged. All total Wilmington signed up 16 new associate members during the September recruitment campaign, doubling the size of the chapter. Chapel Hill was less successful, but we are hopeful of repeating this event in 2019 summer rush and having more chapters involved. Thanks Doug for making our pilot project a success.



## Denver Convention!



According to the Expansion Team these Virginia Tech Kappa Delta's tried to become Founding Fathers at Delta Chi!



Wilmington and Chapel Hill Brothers at the Durham Bulls Game on 11 August!



Unfortunately there were no size XX's to be found at the Convention!



Tailgating at the Virginia Tech-William and Mary Game, reputedly a "dry" recruitment event

