

Illinois Alpha Delta Phi Refounding Update

It is with great pleasure that we announce that Alpha Delta Phi is once again present on the campus of University of Illinois, and on a strong path to vibrance. In the past several months the refounding committee set out on a mission to build an Illinois Alpha Delta Phi that embodies our 1832 principles of attracting and nourishing men of exemplary Moral, Social and Intellectual character. At the same time, we dedicated ourselves to the rather bold ambition of building a modern fraternity the way it should be, and not falling victim to fallacies of the past two centuries. For instance, we are anti-racist and embrace diversity in all forms as essential and we fundamentally believe that it will promote greater development of our undergraduate Brothers. We will not tolerate hazing in any form and believe that the bonds of brotherhood are built stronger through hard work and collective achievement of building Alpha Delta Phi from scratch. Similarly, we recognize substance abuse, disrespectful treatment of any members of the community, and any dangerous activity as detrimental to our mission and intolerable.

In marketing these principles to undergraduate students, we had hoped we would attract a strong set of entrepreneurial students who recognize what we are doing is vastly different from other options their classmates may pursue at U of I and even from what their hometown friends are doing at universities across the country. We have found that to be true, and we are proud to introduce the first six members of the 2020-2021 class of Illinois Alpha Delta Phi, who will constitute our (Re)Founding Fathers. The Refounding Committee of the Board have personally interviewed every new member and can't say enough about these young men.

From a process standpoint (and subject to the University's evolving handling of the COVID-19 pandemic), we will execute a "rolling" recruitment, new member education, and initiation that allows us to initiate 4-6 classes of (Re)Founding Fathers during this academic year, in time for the opening of the house for occupancy in Fall 2021.

We appreciate the feedback and overwhelming support we have received from Alumni Brothers over the past months and years. Please keep it coming. Further, if you know of Freshmen, Sophomores, or incoming U of I students we should evaluate for membership, please pass along their contact info.

Thanks and Xaipe,
Refounding Committee

Andrew Grieve, 1996 – Committee Chairman
John Aldworth, 1994
Steve Johnson, 1991
Steve Schanz, 1994