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## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: WILL J. DeVINEY

After graduating from the University of Idaho in May of 2016, **Will DeViney, AO 1676** accepted a job at Sigma Nu Headquarters as the Expansion and Recruitment Consultant. Although DeViney earned a degree in Exercise Science and was accepted into three different Master's Programs, he could not pass up the opportunity to work for the fraternity which he feels gave him so much. "Everything positive that happened to me since first stepping foot on the University of Idaho campus can be credited back to Sigma Nu," said DeViney. "Sigma Nu helped me grow as a person and as a professional; it has given me my best friends, endless networking opportunities and even my first job out of college. I honestly do not know where I would be without the fraternity."

DeViney joined Delta Omicron because of the brothers' interest in him as an individual. He wanted a fraternity which would help him grow academically and personally. "While the other fraternities tried to sell me

on their house, their parties and their reputation, Sigma Nu sold me by showing a genuine interest in getting to know me as a person," said DeViney. "Well done **Chris Chesnut AO 1640** and **Luke Miller AO 1670!**"

During his time with Delta Omicron, DeViney held the officer positions of Philanthropy Chairman, Risk Reduction Chairman and Intramural Chairman. Additionally, he served on the Interfraternity Council as a Recruitment Counselor and a Greek Life Ambassador. Outside of Sigma Nu and fraternity life, DeViney worked as a teacher's assistant for three undergraduate level classes, twice in Human Anatomy and once in Movement Science: Wellness and Behavior Change for Healthy Active Lifestyles.

While there are many fond memories from DeViney's time as an undergraduate, such as Raft Trip, Jock Jamz, Potlatch and White Rose, his favorite memory was Delta Omicron's Centennial Celebration during his junior year. "Seeing generations of Sigma Nus come back for our chapter's 100th



**Will J. DeViney, AO 1676**

birthday was truly a special experience," said DeViney.

DeViney is currently living in Tulsa, Oklahoma where he is overseeing the recolonization of Zeta Lambda chapter at the University of Tulsa. In his spare time, DeViney enjoys going to concerts, playing guitar, mountain biking and watching Lakers games.

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**Brothers with their Little Sister of the Year (2016-2017) Regan Rockholm of Delta Delta Delta.**

### SAVE THE DATE: FIRST ANNUAL ALUMNI GOLF AND BBQ WEEKEND!

Save the date (June 9-11) to join us in Moscow for some golf, drinks, cigars and BBQ (probably some Corner Club and story swapping, too)! We're hoping to make this a bi-annual event to give alumni Sigma Nus from all generations a chance to reconnect at the house we all love so much! We already have tee-times reserved and final planning is in the works - more details to come soon! Please spread the word to all brothers about getting together this summer for some fun!

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## Visit the Sigma Nu Alumni Website and Facebook Page

Visit the official Delta  
Omicron alumni website at  
[uisigmanualumni.com](http://uisigmanualumni.com) to:

- Learn more about the chapter
- Search for alumni
- Update your address, phone number and email address
- Find out about upcoming events
- Post noteworthy accomplishments (a new baby, a recent marriage, a recent promotion, etc.)
- Facebook.com/UISigmaNuAlumni

## Alumni Reunite in Seattle



**Delta Omicron alumni gather for a round of golf during the weekend of the Vandal vs. University of Washington football game.**

Delta Omicron class of 1992 gathers for an annual four day reunion on the second week of every September. This year, **Chris Adams ΔO 1327**, **Eric Beem ΔO 1315**, **Kevin Boie ΔO 1319**, **Scott Hatter ΔO 1325**, **JJ Jaeger ΔO 1330/ΔI 1426**, **Dan McLaughlin ΔO 1314**, **Jerry Reed ΔO 1321**, **Jeff Robinson ΔO 1310**, **Todd Schini ΔO 1312**, **Denny Smith ΔO 1328** and **Ed Walker ΔO 1329** met in Seattle, Washington for the Vandal vs. University of Washington game.

On Friday, alumni from the classes of 1992, 1994 and 1995 met up at a private golf club. The class of 1992 stayed at Chris Adams' home. In addition to Adams' house, alumni rented a huge RV and parked it out front so they could all lodge together.

Alumni celebrated their reunion with a huge crab feed Friday night and then tailgated and watched the Vandals play against UW on Saturday. All in attendance thoroughly enjoyed their time reconnecting with brothers.

## Jack Hermann Receives J.D. Rowell Scholarship

After growing up on his family's farm in Genesee, it is no surprise that brother **Jack Hermann ΔO 1684** developed an interest in agriculture. As a senior agribusiness major, Hermann spends a large amount of time studying with the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences. His interest in seeing the agriculture industry in a broader, global context made him the perfect *first* recipient for the J.D. Rowell Scholarship.

The J.D. Rowell Scholarship, established by J.D. Rowell in 2013, supports University of Idaho students in the Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology Department. This scholarship provided Hermann with the opportunity to study abroad in Alicante, Spain.

"Without my scholarship, it wouldn't have been possible for me to get the great experience I had studying abroad," said Hermann. "I was able to make connections with possible future employers, learn Spanish and immerse myself in another culture."



**Jack Hermann ΔO 1684**

After graduation, Hermann plans to return home to work his family's farm for a couple of years before traveling back to Spain. After he works three to five years abroad, he'll return home to Idaho to carry on the family legacy by using his skills to lead operations of the family farm.

## Will J. DeViney

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After his time on Sigma Nu Headquarters staff, DeViney plans on beginning the Master's program he put on hold. Although he is still passionate about Sport Science, DeViney is currently looking into Student Affairs/Counseling programs. His current top two choices are Northern Arizona University and his dad's alma mater, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.

DeViney encourages his undergraduate brothers to take advantage of their time with Delta Omicron.

"In Sigma Nu, you get out what you put into the organization. If you take advantage of everything Sigma Nu can offer and follow the values of Love, Truth and Honor wholeheartedly, you will further develop as an ethical leader," said DeViney. "Fraternities are not the only organizations which offer philanthropy, service, leadership development, career connections, friendship, social opportunities and accountability. They are, however, the only organization where an interested student could obtain all those benefits in one place."



## Commander Update: Delta Omicron Chapter of Sigma Nu



Brothers partnered with Gamma Phi Beta for Homecoming 2017.

After a successful fall semester, the men of Sigma Nu finished another term with academic success, placing among the top fraternities with a 3.02 GPA and a freshmen average GPA of 3.14. We are further improving our scholarship program throughout the year and have seen great progress in all members, as well as our highest freshmen average GPA to date!

Over the last semester, we held a very successful annual camping trip. Just before Homecoming, Brother **Will DeViney, ΔO 1676**, visited the chapter to hold a LEAD session with the chapter about management/operations as well as reconnect with his brothers. We enjoyed seeing all the alumni return to the house for Homecoming and Dads Weekend! We hope to continue to see alumni visit the house whenever they are on campus.

More recently, we knighted thirteen brothers into our fraternity this year and held our annual Pledge Dance. We also participated in spring rush, pledging an additional four new candidates to the class of 2016, increasing the class to 19 members.

On the Service and Philanthropy front, Delta Omicron is working hard to participate in community service events around the Palouse. A city community service representative stopped by the house to talk to our members about how to assist our community through volunteer work. We are planning volunteer events as an entire house in order to reach our goal of four hours per member.

In intramurals, Delta Omicron is a force to be reckoned with. Our house football team made it to the semifinals and placed 3rd and our co-ed softball team with the ladies of Delta Gamma took home the trophy last spring.

Many of our current members are involved in several organizations including: Engineering Scholars (**Adam Niemet, ΔO 1707**), Vice President of the Pre-Law Society (**Alex Gibson, ΔO 1715**), ASUI Senator/Pi Sigma Alpha/Model United Nations Delegation (**Briggs Jackson, ΔO 1702**), IFC Judicial Board, (**Gabe Kelley, ΔO 1693**) Beta Alpha Psi (**Kyle Snyder, ΔO 1711**, **Scott French, ΔO 1689**, **Tucker Forbush, ΔO 1691** and **Riley Smith, ΔO 1692**), Chairman of Activities Student Alumni Relations Board (**Andres Rodriguez, ΔO 1718**), APICS (**Kyle Snyder, ΔO 1711**), Recreation Student Organization (**Frederick Taylor ΔO 1708**) and CFA Institute Research Challenge Team Member & Barker Capital Management Group (**Tucker Forbush, ΔO 1691**).

Our brothers are very involved and active in both the Greek and campus community and will continue to be leaders on this front. Many of our brothers exceed expectations and continue to raise the bar for all students and Sigma Nu brothers. One brother in particular, **Scott French, ΔO 1689**, was recently accepted to the University of Virginia, School of Law. Scott plans to graduate from the University of Idaho with a 4.0 GPA. We wish him the best of luck in Virginia!

Our chapter has many reasons to be excited about the future. As always, we welcome all alumni, family and friends to stop by the chapter to say hello. Thank you for your continued support of Delta Omicron.

Fraternally,

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## You Can Recruit!

Sigma Nu at the University of Idaho is looking for outstanding young men to continue our fraternity's legacy! If you have a son, family member or family friend who may attend the University of Idaho in the fall, please send his name and contact information (to include address, email and phone number) to **Ben Stephenson ΔO 1720** at [ben.stephenson.bs@gmail.com](mailto:ben.stephenson.bs@gmail.com) or **Derek Stephenson ΔO 1259** at [dstephenson@myriadinsurance.com](mailto:dstephenson@myriadinsurance.com). Please be sure to note if they are legacies in your email.

Additionally, **Delta Omicron Chapter at the University of Idaho** is asking for your help to fund this year's rush. We recently lost many in-house members, resulting in a financial deficit that is going to negatively impact our summer and fall rush efforts. This year's recruitment is especially important, as it will determine whether or not we can return to normality and continue improving.

To contribute to this important effort, please visit [gofundme.com/SigmaNuRush](http://gofundme.com/SigmaNuRush).



**Brothers gather on the steps of the house during Bid Day 2016.**



## Blast from the Past



**Brothers relaxing, 1951**



**Brothers in front of the Sigma Nu house in 1981**