

## Brothers.

When each of us join Delta Sigma Phi, we hear, "Delta Sigma Phi is for life." We nod and move on, not thinking about it again until we graduate. For some of us, we find a way to stay connected to Delta Sig. We volunteer, we donate to the Foundation, we stay in touch with our brothers. For me, I even joined the Headquarters staff after graduation. But for far too many of us, the farther removed we get from college, the less relevant Delta Sig becomes in our lives.

For decades, every fraternity and sorority has touted the power of its alumni network but admittedly struggles with engaging members for a lifetime. Today, I am proud to say Delta Sig has found a new way to harness our network and Build Better Men for a lifetime.

At Convention, we announced the launch of an online mentoring platform—an initiative first of its kind in the Greek world. No other group has anything like this. We are being atypical once again!

I encourage each and every one of you to create a profile on the site. This is the easiest way to get involved in Delta Sig, make a difference in the lives of brothers and prove the power of our brotherhood. No matter where you are located or how involved in Delta Sig you have been in the past, this program is for you.

Here's how it works.

- Go to http://www.integratedmentoringinc.com/deltasig/.
- Watch the training videos on what it means to be a mentor or mentee.
- Create your profile.
- Once on the platform, you can search for brothers based on info in their profiles (geographic location, job title, industry, etc.)
- Once you find a mentor/mentee, the platform will provide templates for how to structure your first three "meetings." These meetings can be done through the platform, in person, over the phone, via video chat, etc.
- After three "meetings," you can continue the relationship or create new ones that are a better fit.
- You can connect with as many brothers as you'd like, but it's recommended to maintain no more than three mentoring relationships at one time.
- The site also features a jobs board for where you can share open job and internship opportunities.
- In-person training that focus on skill building will also supplement education found on the platform.

This is one of the most important and exciting initiatives Delta Sigma Phi has ever had. For our undergraduates, it gives them the opportunity to learn directly from our alumni and better prepare themselves for their future. Alumni, too, benefit from being a mentor. They will learn from their mentees and enhance valuable leadership skills. For Delta Sig, it strengthens our bonds of brotherhood and makes our membership even more impactful.

This mentoring platform will be the envy of the Greek community. I have no doubt other groups will try to emulate our initiative and passion to be the premiere provider of lifelong fraternity.

Join me in taking part in this exciting program. Our mission is Building Better Men, and there is no better way to do that than by mentoring one another.

If you have questions about the program, contact Director of Education Albert Kotchish at kotchish@deltasig.org.

As always, if you have any questions or comments for me, you can reach me at

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