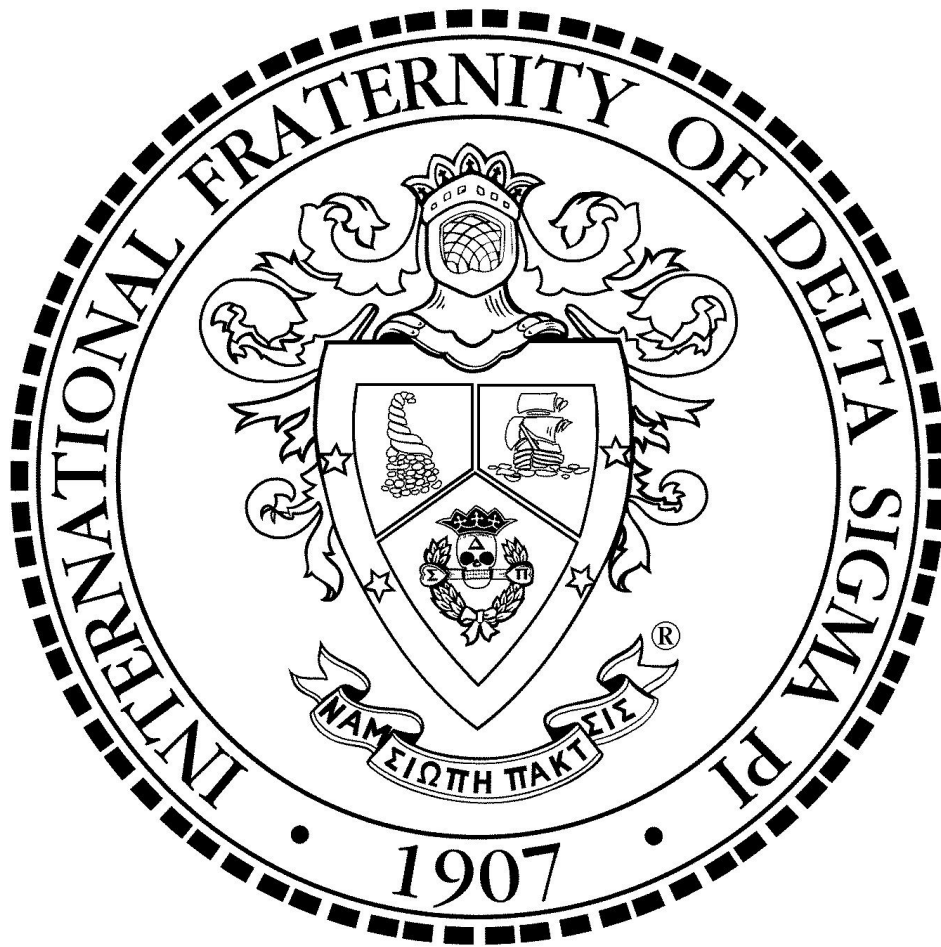


College of Saint Benedict & Saint  
John's University Colony of



The International Fraternity of  
Delta Sigma Pi

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## To the Board of Directors of the International Fraternity of Delta Sigma Pi:

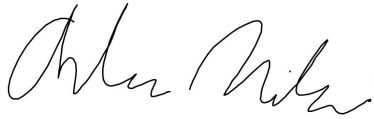
Dear Board of Directors,

We, the members of the Saint John's University and the College of Saint Benedict colony, do hereby petition for a chapter charter of the International Fraternity of Delta Sigma Pi. Our colony was exclusively established and operated with the intent to be associated with Delta Sigma Pi. We continue to maintain and uphold the ideas for the International Fraternity of Delta Sigma Pi after which the colony has based itself. Those ideas can be seen in our colonies level of professionalism, community involvement, strong brotherhood, and our enthusiastic commitment that is displayed in all that we do.

We vow to uphold the rules, regulations, and standards of Delta Sigma Pi as set forth in the Bylaws in the pursuit of a Chapter Charter and continuing association with the fraternity.

Cordially, the members of the Saint John's University and College of Saint Benedict Colony.

Our signatures follow:



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**Andrew Newinski**



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**Christian Loeb**



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**Sarah Thommes**



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**Ellen Pahr**



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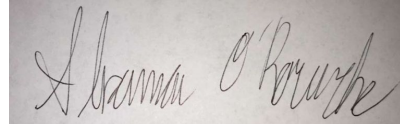
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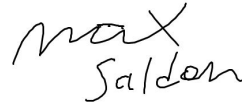
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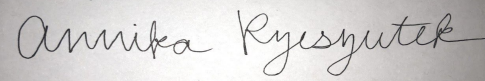
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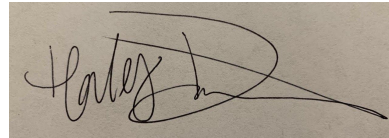
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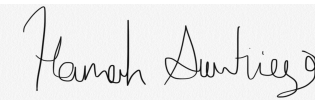
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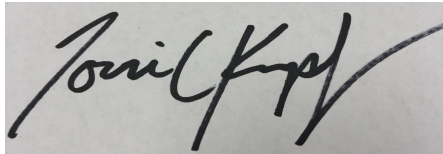
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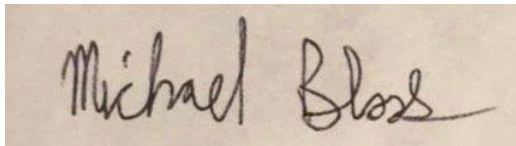
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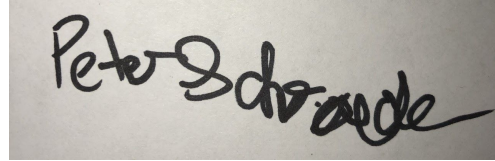
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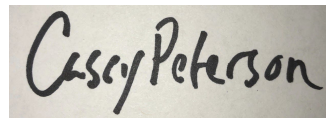
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**Joseph Peterson**



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**Jackson Evans**

February 12, 2020

Delta Sigma Pi - Board of Directors  
C/O Delta Sigma Pi Central Office  
330 South Campus Avenue  
Oxford, OH 45056-2405

Dear Board of Directors,

It is with great enthusiasm that I write to express my support for the Saint John's University / College of Saint Benedict Delta Sigma Pi Colony located in Collegeville, MN. I have had the pleasure of coaching and learning from this motivated group of individuals who aspire to join our ranks as brothers of Delta Sigma Pi as their District Director.

This colony would have never come to fruition had it not been for Andrew Newinski, the Colony President, who shortly after joining the University of Minnesota Delta Sigma Pi Chapter decided to transfer to Saint John's University and continue his pursuit of an accounting degree. Andrew quickly realized upon arriving at the shared campuses of Saint John's and Saint Benedict's that something was missing from these schools - specifically a business-minded organization that brought together the best of the best from each of the Business School majors with shared values and goals. Fast forward a semester and there was now a solid core group of young men and women who came together to better themselves personally, professionally, and fraternally.

However, this journey has not been without moments of adversity. During the Fall of 2019, Andrew studied abroad the entire semester and the core of the colony continued executing events, raising funds in excess of \$2,000, and recruiting members on their own which I believe is a testament to the caliber of individuals this Fraternity would be gaining by extending to them the privilege of becoming a chapter in Delta Sigma Pi.

Some national event highlights include attendance at the 2018 North Central LEAD School, 2019 North Central LEAD Provincial, and most recently at the 2019 Grand Chapter Congress in Atlanta, GA where this colony was the sole colony in attendance and brought 3 members to partake in the grand spectacle of what Fraternity means to us. Locally, the colony has engaged in fostering relationships with the chapter at St Cloud State University and the Twin Cities Alumni Chapter by attending numerous activities hosted by both chapters.

I am excited to see what they will achieve as a chapter of our fraternity and I look forward to calling them my brothers.

Fraternally,

Chad Robinson  
Theta Tau - 796

Delta Sigma Pi Board of Directors

**Re: College of St. Benedict/St. John's University Chapter Recommendation**

The purpose of this letter is to recommend that the Delta Sigma Pi (DSP) colony at the College of St. Benedict and St. John's University is approved as an official chapter. As the DSP faculty advisor, I have been fortunate to have a front row seat as these enterprising individuals have started the colony from scratch and grown it to an invaluable campus-wide organization. In this letter I will explain why the organization is good for our campus, what makes DSP stand out relative to other business organizations on campus, and how the individuals involved with DSP stand out relative to their peers.

DSP is an excellent organization for our campus; the colony positively represents the College of St. Benedict and St. John's University (CSB/SJU) to the greater central Minnesota community while also providing excellent development opportunities for our students. For example, this past fall the colony took the time to clean up the tailgating area during a football game. This is particularly significant at our campus – football games attract thousands of alums and area residents and are the highlight of many college students' fall experiences. Instead of attending the game with their fellow students, the DSP colony spent their Saturday afternoon cleaning up the campus. This reflects extremely positively on both the DSP colony and on CSB/SJU in general. This type of work, while being far from glorious, shows the community that the CSB/SJU students are willing to help anywhere there is a need.

Additionally, DSP provides excellent development opportunities for our students. The organization provides a platform on campus for those who would like to network with students from different majors and with successful business professionals. The service events enable students to volunteer in the community while showing them the value of giving back. For those elected to the executive community, DSP provides an unrivaled opportunity to develop leadership skills. The organization is a very positive addition and helps our students grow in many areas.

DSP is a unique business organization on our campus. As a liberal arts institution, there are not very many campus-wide, inclusive business organizations. Many majors have their own clubs (i.e. accounting club, finance club, economics club, etc.), but an organization that brings all the different groups together did not exist prior to DSP. It is extremely valuable that the students have the ability, through DSP, to get to know students with different perspectives and approaches to solving problems. As a result of bringing so many groups together, all students prosper.

Besides bringing together students from the different business-related majors, DSP is also, to my knowledge, the only campus organization that combines so many types of events under one organization. By combining service, professional, fundraising, and social events under one umbrella, DSP really shows students the value of being well-rounded. This well-roundedness for business-related students is a particularly good fit for our liberal arts institution that stresses total development of the individual.

Finally, the individuals involved with the CSB/SJU Delta Sigma Pi colony are outstanding students on our campus. When I first heard about the group of students that wanted to start a DSP colony on campus, I admit that I was somewhat skeptical about the feasibility of such a group. How could a group of students convince their peers of the value in joining this organization and setup a sustainable structure



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in only a couple of years before graduation? Since my initial question, I have been blown away by the skills of the current DSP members. They have completely taken the lead in setting up all aspects of the colony, including recruiting, fundraising, setting up professional and social events, running meetings, creating their own agendas, meeting both internal and external deadlines, running their own finances with only the minimal required oversight, retaining members, creating a succession plan by attracting younger members, networking with other chapters, attending national DSP events, and many other smaller tasks to make everything run smoothly.

The members of DSP are some of our most enterprising students who are actively seeking and following through in growing professionally and personally. Their willingness to jump into this organization and participate fully is quite unique – I have seen many students that join an organization, attend a meeting or two, and then never return. DSP members, on the other hand, tend to stick with the group and grow through the wide variety of events available.

In conclusion, I think very highly of our CSB/SJU Delta Sigma Pi colony. The organization is uniquely positioned to provide a valuable opportunity to students on our campus, and the students involved with the organization include not only some of our best and brightest, but also those that are willing to challenge themselves to grow holistically. Please accept their application to convert from a colony to a chapter.

If you have any questions regarding this recommendation, I am happy to communicate over the phone (507-458-2266) or via email ([btrnka@csbsju.edu](mailto:btrnka@csbsju.edu)).

Sincerely,

*Benjamin J. Trnka*

Ben Trnka  
Assistant Professor of Accounting and Finance  
College of St. Benedict/St. John's University

## University History - College of Saint Benedict

Founded in 1913, the College of Saint Benedict embraces the rich heritage of bold leadership and pioneering spirit of its Benedictine founders, the Sisters of Saint Benedict's Monastery. The monastery traces its beginning to 1857, when four young nuns and two monastic candidates made the treacherous journey from Pennsylvania to the Minnesota frontier. Their mission was to establish a Benedictine community in central Minnesota and to serve the area's German immigrant families.

In 1961, the Benedictine community incorporated the college as an independent institution. For the next decade, the working relationship between the monastic community and the college remained virtually unchanged, since most faculty and administrators were sisters. In the 1970s, however, the college experienced significant growth, tripling its enrollment and greatly increasing its lay faculty. During that period of change, the college and monastery forged a strong and lasting relationship based on their shared history and shared values.

Today, the College of Saint Benedict is the nation's only Benedictine college for women and a 2012 recipient of the prestigious Senator Paul Simon Award for Comprehensive Internationalization. Consistent with its Benedictine heritage, it also is nationally recognized for its promotion of character and values development.

## University History - Saint John's University

Saint John's University was founded in 1857 by the Benedictine monks of Saint John's Abbey, having emigrated from Bavaria, Germany. In addition to its undergraduate offerings, SJU includes Saint John's School of Theology and Seminary. SJU prides itself on having a welcoming campus community -- one where students, faculty, staff and alumnae all share a common bond.

Set amid 2,700 acres of varied terrain, Saint John's campus is remarkable in its natural beauty. It includes wetlands, several lakes, an oak savanna, a restored prairie, and hiking trails that wind through an extensive pine and hardwood forest. In addition to its recreational value, the landscape inspires spiritual and artistic reflection and fosters the Benedictine traditions of land stewardship, education and environmental respect.

Today, Saint John's University designs programs to meet the needs and aspirations of young men, emphasizing leadership and a personal development profile that includes intellectual, spiritual, emotional and physical development. Its values-based and value-added residential liberal arts education provides the framework for fulfilling lives of disciplined inquiry and leadership in careers devoted to the professions, public life and service to others.

# College of Saint Benedict & Saint John's University Partnership

Starting in 1958, College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University created their formal partnership. The partnership between the two schools started a very unique relationship. This partnership gives students the educational choices of a large university while enjoying the individual attention and community of a premier small college. Students at CSB/SJU have full access to the campuses, courses, faculty, facilities and programs of two colleges. Students take classes, eat, attend events, study, and use the athletic facilities on both campuses. The only aspect of the campuses that are truly separate, are the on-campus housing facilities.

Together, they offer the opportunities, course selection and extensive curriculum of a large university while retaining the close knit community and personal attention expected from a top liberal arts college.

## CSB/SJU Facts and Statistics

St. John's University is an all male private, Catholic university located in Collegeville, Minnesota. The College of Saint Benedict is an all female, private Catholic college located in St. Joseph, Minnesota. Between these two schools, there are more than 60 areas of study with 37 majors and 40 minor programs.

St. John's University's 92nd in the 2020 edition of Best Colleges in National Liberal Arts Colleges according to U.S. News. College of Saint Benedict is ranked 82nd. St. John's University also ranked 7th in Niche's Best Value Colleges. College of Saint Benedict ranked 9th as Niche's Best Women's Colleges in America.

At CSB/SJU, 80 percent of students that enter these schools complete their degree there, and more than 90 percent of these graduates finish their degree within four years. CSB and SJU students come from 37 different states and 21 different countries.

This school offers 19 semester-long international study abroad programs. These locations include Australia, Chile, France, Greece, South Africa, and Rome. In addition, the colleges sponsor over 20 short-term international programs around the world. Historically, students have traveled to China, Fiji, Greece, and India. CSB/SJU have been ranked among the top 6 schools nationally in baccalaureate schools sending a total number of students abroad for the past 10 years. On average, 55 percent of all CSB/SJU students will participate in a semester-long student abroad program during their time at college.

### **Enrollment: 2019-2020**

The total full-time undergraduate enrollment is 3,621 students.

- ❖ Bennies: 1,919 (53%)
- ❖ Johnnies: 1,702 (47%)
- ❖ Student/Faculty ratio 12:1
- ❖ Median class size 19
- ❖ Nearly all students are required to live on campus all four years
- ❖ 88 percent of first-year student return to CSB/SJU for their sophomore year

## Eligible Departments at CSB/SJU

### **Global Business Leadership:**

The mission of the Global Business Leadership Program prepares students for careers in diverse organizations and for a graduate education. The program enhances students' critical thinking, communication skills, and understanding of Benedictine values. The foundation in the liberal arts and Global Business Leadership discipline will enable all students to become responsible citizens, ethical leaders, life long learners, and innovators. The Global Business Leadership program enables the students to receive multiple opportunities to reach potential employers and other future career opportunities. The specific focus on the global aspect of the business program allows for the mindsets of each student to be expanded upon.

The Global Business Leadership program's learning goals include five focuses: 1) Effective global leadership skills, this goal specifies into the effective collaboration, communication, and critical thinking of each student. 2) The integrative depth of knowledge is a goal that generalizes the entire experience in the four-year program. 3) The goal of ethical problem-solving is one that splits up into both recognizing ethical issues and applying ethical frameworks. The last two goals include recognizing opportunities for innovation, creating response, and demonstrating a global mindset.

### **Accounting and Finance:**

Through a series of two and four credit classes and internships, the Accounting and Finance Program can prepare students to take the CPA exam in four years. Courses include an emphasis on real-world applications and business writing and communication skills. The major includes a finance track that focuses on economics, international finance, and corporate financial analysis. CSB/SJU graduates score particularly well on the CPA examination because of the strength of the accounting program and our liberal arts focus within the program. Exceptional opportunities

exist to interview on-campus for internships, summer experience programs and full-time employment. All four Big 4 firms and a host of other firms and companies come to campus to interview our wonderful students.

**Economics:**

The Department of Economics helps students understand economic behavior and how the economy creates wealth and contributes to well-being. Students can study international economies, economic development and growth, labor markets, industries and businesses, financial markets, monetary economics, public policy, environmental economics and other economic topics. Graduates find success in their post-college academic and professional careers - including work in business, finance, government, public policy, law and academia. A flexible program allows students to pursue other areas of academic interests as well as to participate in study abroad programs. An undergraduate research seminar and project helps students gain valuable skills in understanding economic problems and in preparing and presenting high quality research using careful analysis and quantitative tools.

## Colony History

Andrew Newinski was initiated at the Alpha Epsilon Chapter at University of Minnesota on November 17, 2017. After finishing his fall semester, he transferred to Saint John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota. Andrew realized that there was a hole that Delta Sigma Pi could fill on campus, so he contacted the Central Office in the hopes to start a chapter. After trading emails, he began completing the groundwork necessary in the Spring of 2018 with the business faculty. Over the summer, he finished the remaining items including the statement of intent, indicating the start of the colony in August 2018.

Very little recruiting progress was made during the fall semester. President Andrew Newinski was working his best to recruit by tabling at the Involvement Fair, holding information sessions, doing classroom talks, talking to friends, and trying to create interest around the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University. Any potential members would show up to a meeting or two, but then would not show up after that. Andrew avoided becoming discouraged however, mainly due to the support of Regional Vice President Mark Dorn and District Director Chad Robinson.

Things really picked up in the spring of 2019. Through a well-planned recruitment week including Trivia Night and a Colony Dinner at Sal's Bar & Grill, 12 members were recruited. From this group, the Executive Committee was formed and weekly meetings were scheduled on Wednesdays at 5:15 pm, held in Simons Hall room G10. Ben Trnka also was recruited as the Faculty Advisor, who gave a lot of guidance to the new group. From there, the colony worked on completing professional events and starting to create a connection with other chapters of Delta Sigma Pi by attending Provincial and National Events. Andrew attended the North Central LEAD Provincial in Chicago. In August, Christian Loeb, Aaron Liestman, and Andrew attended the 2019 Grand Chapter Congress in Atlanta. By the end of the semester, the colony had 15 members, and was beginning to take shape.

With Andrew going abroad to Greece and Rome in the fall of 2019, Christian filled in as President for the semester. Due to him, and other members of the Executive Committee including Sarah Thommes, Eric Kieser, Nolan McClouth, Aaron Liestman, Michael Bloss, Jakob Burke and Carter Krattenmaker stepping up, the semester was very successful. Four community service events were planned and completed, along with finishing the professional events, and fundraising a majority of our funds.

After Andrew returned from studying abroad, he took over as President, and Christian moved to Senior VP. Thanks to a change of leadership in the Senior VP position, recruitment began to

skyrocket, as the Colony recruited 13 members in three weeks. Then they planned and completed their final community service event, completing the requirements to start the petition

## Colony Events

<b>Fall 2018</b>		
<b>Date of Event</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Description</b>
September 11	Colony Meeting	Information Session
September 26	Colony Meeting	Information Session
October 25th	Colony Meeting	Event Brainstorming Session
November 1st	Social Event	Colony Dinner - Sal's Bar & Grill
November 8th	Colony Meeting	Event Brainstorming Session
December 6th	Social Event	Finals Study Session
<b>Spring 2019</b>		
<b>Date of Event</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Description</b>
January 28th	Recruitment Event	Trivia Night
January 30th	Recruitment Event	Colony Dinner at Gorecki Dining Center
February 5th	Recruitment Event	Colony Dinner at Sal's Grill & Bar
February 27th	Colony Meeting	Weekly Meeting
March 13th	Colony Meeting	Weekly Meeting
March 20th	Colony Meeting	Weekly Meeting
March 27th	Executive Meeting	Meeting to plan future events
March 28th	Social Event	Dinner at Buffalo Wild Wings
April 3rd	Colony Meeting	Weekly Meeting
April 9th	Professional Event	Resume Workshop

April 9th	Social Event	Dinner at Sexton Dining Facility
April 13th	Social Event	Attendance at Theta Tau's Initiation Banquet
April 17th	Colony Meeting	Weekly Meeting
April 17th	Professional Event	Financial Planning Speaker - Carl Lymangood
April 19th	Professional Event	Attendance at Alumni Panel Event put on by Twin Cities Alumni Chapter
April 24th	Colony Meeting	Weekly Colony Meeting
May 1st	Colony Meeting	Weekly Colony Meeting
May 6th	Fundraiser/ Social Event	Chipotle & Cram - Chipotle Fundraiser & Study Session
<b>Fall 2019</b>		
<b>Date of Event</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Description of Event</b>
August 28th	Colony Meeting	Weekly Colony Meeting
September 4th	Colony Meeting	Weekly Colony Meeting
September 4th	Recruitment Event	Tabling at Involvement Fair
September 11th	Colony Meeting	Weekly Colony Meeting
September 18th	Colony Meeting	Weekly Colony Meeting
October 2nd	Colony Meeting	Weekly Colony Meeting
October 9th	Professional Event/Colony Meeting	CPAs/Managers at Bergan KDV - Jeff Bloss & Matt Lovitz - Professional Speakers
October 11th	Fundraiser	ValleySCARE Fundraiser
October 16th	Colony Meeting	Weekly Colony Meeting



October 22nd	Fundraiser	Red Robin Fundraiser
October 23rd	Colony Meeting	Weekly Colony Meeting
November 6rd	Colony Meeting	Weekly Colony Meeting
November 7th	Fundraiser	Buffalo Wild Wings Fundraiser
November 12th	Recruitment Event	Trivia Night at Brother Willies'
November 14th	Professional Event	Professional Speaker Dave Miller from Kensington Bank
November 19th	Colony Meeting	Weekly Colony Meeting
November 23rd	Community Service Event	Football Game Tailgate Clean-up
November 26th	Community Service Event	Feed My Starving Children Volunteering
December 7th	Community Service Event	Sugar Shack Volunteering
<b>Spring 2020</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Description</b>
January 16th	Colony Meeting	Weekly Colony Meeting
January 23rd	Colony Meeting	Weekly Colony Meeting
January 23rd	Social Event	Trivia Night
January 30th	Colony Meeting	Weekly Colony Meeting
January 30th	Community Service Event	Cards to Active Military - Through Support Our Troops
January 30th	Professional Event	XPD Career Fair Tips & Resume Workshop
February 5th	Fundraiser	Noodles & Company Fundraiser
February 6th	Colony Meeting	Weekly Colony Meeting
February 12th	Recruitment Event	Tabling at Club Expo

February 13th	Colony Meeting	Weekly Colony Meeting
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## Colony Facts

We currently have 30 members in our colony. All of our members are Accounting, Finance, Global Business Leadership, and Economics majors. Some of our members are pursuing minors in Hispanic Studies, Economics, Art, Psychology, Computer Science, Pre-Law, Accounting, and History.

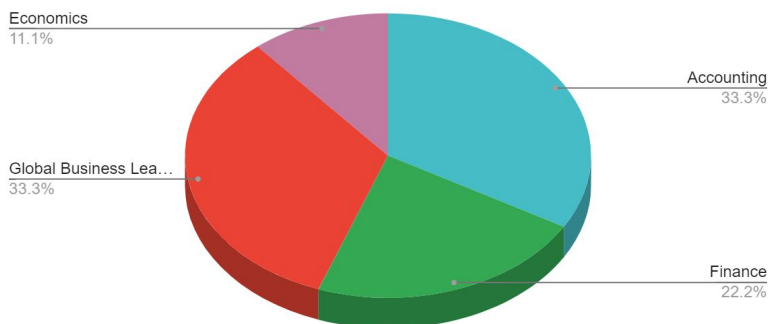
Four of our members are currently doing internships this semester. Two members are working at Lurie in the Entrepreneurial Services and Tax Departments. One of our members is interning at Grant Thornton, and another one of our members is interning at DS+B.

Our members are from three states, Minnesota, Kansas, and Texas, and four countries, United States, China, Vietnam, and the Bahamas.

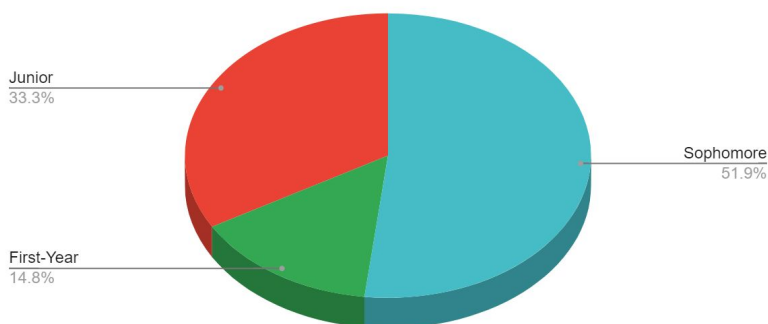
Last semester, two of our members studied abroad. Hannah studied abroad in London where she did an internship in accounts. Andrew studied abroad in Rome and Greece where he learned about the history and culture of these two countries.

Many of the members enjoy participating in intramurals on campus, such as, basketball, lacrosse, and soccer. Members also enjoy reading, running, bowling, hunting, and listening to podcasts.

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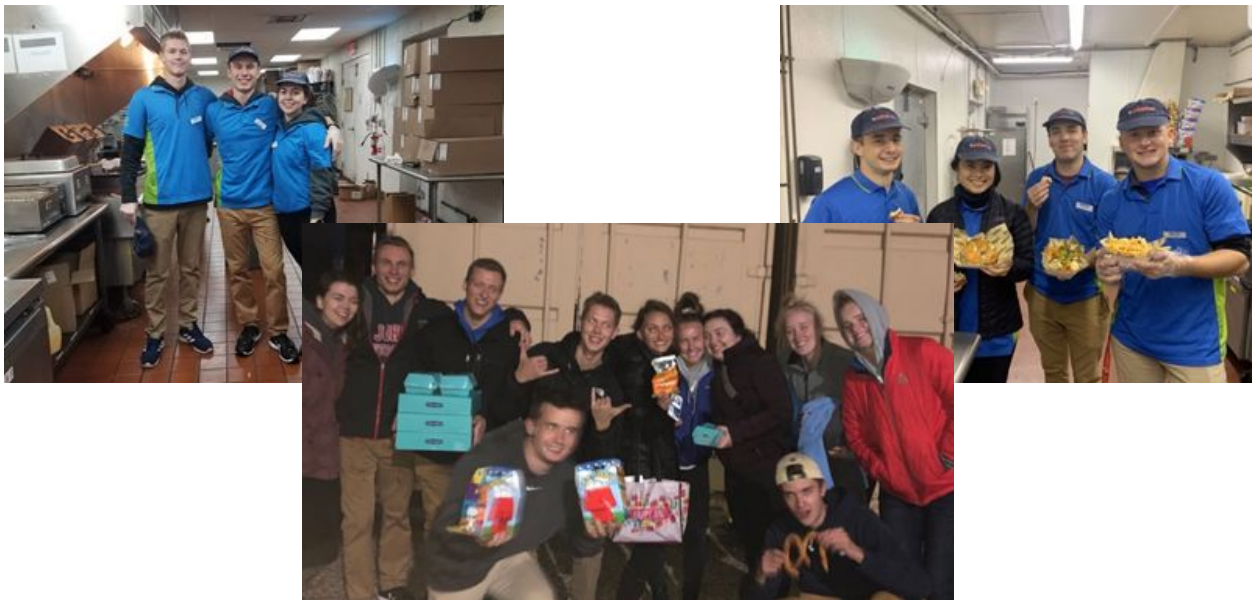
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## Fundraisers

On May 6, 2019, the colony had its first fundraiser in spring semester on Study Day. We created an event entitled “Chipotle Study Day” where colony members went to Chipotle with their friends and family, to draw people to Chipotle, where we received 33% of sales that were purchased with the presentation of a flyer. After the colony members purchased their dinner, we all got together in a study room in the library, ate our Chipotle, and studied for finals together. During this fundraiser, we earned \$142.31.

Our second fundraiser was at Valley Fair on October 11, 2019. We went to Valley Fair, during ValleySCARE season, and worked various food stands to earn money for the colony. We had 14 colony members participate. We were divided into four groups, worked for 8 hours, had a lot of fun, and earned \$2,000.00 for the colony.



On October 22, 2019, the colony partnered with Red Robin for a fundraiser where we would receive 20% of the profit if the patron presented a flyer. We earned \$38.09. On November 7, 2019, we hosted a similar fundraiser with Buffalo Wild Wings where we earned \$37.45.

Between October 14, 2019 and January 8, 2020, we were partnered with Yankee Candle where we earned 40% of sales. Having this fundraiser during the holiday season was very beneficial for our group, and we ended up raising \$484.90.

On February 5, 2020, the colony hosted a fundraiser at Noodles and Company where we earned 25% of sales with the presentation of a flyer. We raised \$132.31.

## Community Service

Our colony completed its first community service event on November 23, 2019. Ten of our members had the opportunity to help our community by cleaning and clearing our parking lots after a home football game. These lots host hundreds of people during these games, and we were able to gather together garbage to make sure our campus was free from trash following this game. We gathered over ten bags of trash in our efforts to remove waste from the campus.



On November 26, 2019, colony members, and their families had the privilege of attending Feed My Starving Children, to pack meals which were sent to Haiti. Due to inclement weather on the day of the event, only four members were able to attend, but it was a great experience which we will be looking to partake in again.

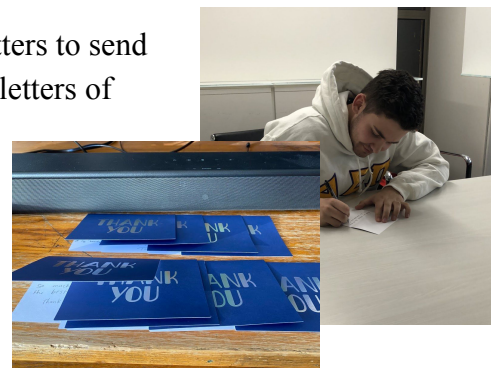


Our team worked together to portion, pack, seal, and prepare these meals to be shipped. Our colony packed over 360 packages, providing over 1,800 meals to people that otherwise don't have access to a stable food source.

On December 7, 2019, five of our members assisted the Saint John's Monastic Community to split and transport wood. We helped Brother Walter, a member of the monastic community to gather two pickup loads of wood, which will be used for many different purposes within the Benedictine community.



On January 30, 2020, ten of our members wrote thank you letters to send to US Troops stationed overseas. Everyone gathered to write letters of gratitude and encouragement in the hopes of uplifting these soldiers, as well as giving them a small token of thanks to those who are dedicating their lives to keep us safe.



## Professional Activities

Our first professional event was held on April 9, 2019. At this event, we had two spokespersons from the Saint John's University career service center come in and give a presentation of what makes a "good" resume. The spokespersons also touched on cover letters, interviews, and job hunting. After the presentation was over, they critiqued our member's resumes.

For our second professional event, on April 17, 2019, we had Carl Lymangood, a Delta Sigma Pi - Theta Tau alumni, come in to speak to our group about his experience with Delta Sigma Pi, and also, steps to achieve financial success. Members asked him financial planning questions regarding student loans, credit cards, and investing.



Our next professional activity, the TCAC Panel, was held on April 19, 2019. This was an evening with alumni presented by Alpha Epsilon and Nu Tau. Delta Sigma Pi alumni were in a panel talking about their careers, involvement in Delta Sigma Pi, and useful career tips. During the presentation, we were able to ask the panel any questions we had.



On October 9, 2019, we held a professional event with Jeff Bloss and Matt Lovits of BerganKDV. Jeff and Matt both told us how they became involved with BerganKDV, and explained a day in their life to us. Jeff is an audit manager and discussed the environment and challenges of his position. Matt is the leader of business development. He told us what to look for when applying to different firms and how to identify a positive workplace culture. Matt and Jeff went over what, in their opinion, new hires are lacking. They both discussed that new hires lack interpersonal communication skills. They told us how to make the best of our time in college, take classes to expand our knowledge, and gave us tips on reaching out to other businesses for speaking.



Our next speaker was Dave Miller from Kensington Bank. We met with him on November 15, 2019. He was very insightful discussing his career as the VP of Commercial Banking. He detailed his transition after graduating from St. Cloud State University into his banking career. He discussed how he chose where he worked, giving us insight into what to look for in a future employer. He also discussed the importance of potential customer relations, along with business etiquette.



## Regional, Provincial, National, & Alumni Events

Even though we were only a colony, we truly wanted to get the full experience of an established Delta Sigma Pi chapter. So, to become as involved as possible we turned to the extensive events DSP hosts over the year(s): LEAD Provincial Conference, Grand Chapter Congress, and Alumni chapter events and celebrations.



LEAD was the first experience of DSP our colony experienced outside of CSB/SJU. While only two members were able to attend the LEAD during the spring semester of 2019, for this upcoming spring lead we have a total of five members registered. Additionally, four out of the five members going have never been to a LEAD Conference, so it will be a fantastic learning experience. To the left is President Andrew Newinski, celebrating with 2019 Regional COY Sara Daily, and the rest of the Alpha Epsilon Chapter.

Grand Chapter Congress was an eye-opening experience for our three members that accompanied the rest of the fraternity over the summer in Atlanta. From networking with corporation executives and alumni, to creating strong relationships with other collegiate members, and finally exploring the city as a whole, there was



never a dull moment. However, it did not end there; the influence of GCC sent shockwaves of excitement and eagerness through the colony wanting new members to experience the same sort of belonging.



Another event we attended, along with assorted chapters, was Founder's Day with the Twin Cities Alumni Chapter. It was great to see so many alumni in the area that are still so involved with the fraternity and what it has to offer. We ate, talked, and laughed with alumni about their past DSP experiences and advice. It was extremely wholesome and even though we weren't officially initiated, it felt like we were already a part of the Delta Sigma Pi family.

## Colony Member Profiles



**Position:**

Colony President

**Name:**

Andrew Newinski

**Major:**

Accounting - Traditional Concentration

**Hometown:**

Bloomington, MN

**Graduation Year:**

2021

**Extracurriculars:**

International Tax Intern - Deloitte, Intramurals, Accounting Club, Greco-Roman  
Study Abroad Program

**Interests:**

“I love keeping up with all kinds of sports, playing golf, traveling, and music”





**Position:**

Senior Vice President

**Name:**

Christian Loeb

**Major:**

Economics

**Minor:**

Accounting

Computer Science

**Hometown:**

Cloquet, MN

**Graduation Year:**

2022

**Extracurriculars:**

Economics Teachers Assistant, Bowling Club, Club Soccer Captain, Economics Club, Whitewater Rafting Guide, Entrepreneurial Scholar

**Interests:**

“Besides spending time with friends, brainstorming how to rule the world, and listening to music, I’m a Hawaiian shirt extraordinaire.”



**Position:**

Vice President of Finance

**Name:**

Sarah Thommes

**Major:**

Accounting - Finance Concentration

**Minor:**

Economics

**Hometown:**

Pierz, MN

**Graduation Year:**

2020: Winter Semester

**Extracurriculars:**

Financial Aid Office, AKS, Wind Ensemble, Clarinet Ensemble, National Honor Society of Leadership and Success

**Interests:**

“My favorite things to do in my free time are reading and running. I also enjoy building Spotify playlists.”



**Position:**

Vice President of Colony Operations

**Name:**

Ellen Pahr

**Major:**

Accounting

**Minor:**

Global Business Leadership

**Hometown:**

Andover, MN

**Graduation Year:**

2023

**Extracurriculars:**

Gorecki Catering

**Interests:**

“I enjoy lifting and spending time outdoors. I also have a passion for volunteering in the community.”



**Position:**

Chancellor

**Name:**

Cole Ashley-Grochowski

**Major:**

Accounting - CPA Concentration

**Hometown:**

Maple Grove, MN

**Graduation Year:**

2022

**Extracurriculars:**

Lacrosse and Club Hockey

**Interests:**

“Anything athletic is right up my alley, but I also really like to be internationally connected among people and businesses.”



**Position:**

Vice President of Professional Activities

**Name:**

Aaron Liestman

**Major:**

Accounting - CPA Concentration

**Hometown:**

Cold Springs, MN

**Graduation Year:**

2021

**Extracurriculars:**

Audit intern with Grant Thornton, Student team lead for the grounds department at the College of St Benedict.

**Interests:**

“I really enjoy fishing whether it be on the ice or on open water in the summer. I also love going on hikes and exploring the outdoors. I also really enjoy playing team sports with friends. My favorites are baseball and football.”



**Position:**

Vice President of Community Service

**Name:**

Carter Krattenmaker

**Major:**

Accounting - Finance Concentration

**Minor:**

Computer Science

**Hometown:**

Otsego, MN

**Graduation Year:**

2022

**Extracurriculars:**

Bowling Captain, Closing Supervisor at McGlynn's

**Interests:**

“As bowling captain, I particularly enjoy bowling, but I also have an appreciation for other sports. I also enjoy looking at real estate and investing in the stock market.”



**Position:**

Vice President of Scholarship and Awards

**Name:**

Tom Russett

**Major:**

Accounting - Finance Concentration

**Hometown:**

Menahga, MN

**Graduation Year:**

2021

**Extracurriculars:**

Green Image Golfscapes, Wayzata Country Club Caddy

**Interests:**

“I enjoy playing golf during the summer time.”



**Position:**

Vice President of Alumni Relations

**Name:**

Jakob Burke

**Major:**

Global Business Leadership

**Hometown:**

Eagan, MN

**Graduation Year:**

2022

**Extracurriculars:**

Entrepreneur Scholar Program, Intramurals, Bowling Club, Recreation Desk  
Attendant

**Interests:**

“I enjoy experiencing and connecting with the outdoors in ways such as camping, hiking, hunting and fishing. Treating music as a mood booster and therapy, I enjoy exploring new music of my favorite artists.”





**Position:**

Colony Advisor

**Name:**

Ben Trnka

**Department:**

Accounting & Finance

**Interests:**

Accounting, Entrepreneurship, Travel, Triathlons, Fishing, Camping



**Position:**

Faculty Initiate

**Name:**

Jackie Gabrielson

**Department:**

Accounting & Finance

**Interests:**

Accounting, Baking, Travel, Ice Hockey, Football,



**Name:**

Eric Kieser

**Major:**

Accounting - CPA Concentration

**Hometown:**

Maple Grove, MN

**Graduation Year:**

2021

**Extracurriculars:**

Intramural basketball, intramural soccer, Entrepreneurial Services Intern at Lurie

**Interests:**

“I like to stay active by participating in intramurals and spending time outdoors. I also enjoy spending time with my friends.”



**Name:**

Nolan McLouth

**Major:**

Accounting - CPA Concentration

**Hometown:**

Maple Grove, MN

**Graduation Year:**

2021

**Extracurriculars:**

Library media desk, Intern at DS+B

**Interests:**

“My favorite thing to do is spend time with those that I love, my family, friends, and pets.”



**Name:**

Hannah Santiago

**Major:**

Accounting - Traditional Concentration

**Minor:**

Art

**Hometown:**

Mission, TX

**Graduation Year:**

2021

**Extracurriculars:**

AKS, Campus Ministry, Intern at Lurie, National Honor Society of Leadership and Success

**Interests:**

“During my semester abroad, I spend a lot of time traveling, which I love to do. As an art minor, I also enjoy painting. During the summer, I like to go hiking. I also have a passion for musicals.”



**Name:**

Michael Bloss

**Majors:**

Accounting

**Hometown:**

Clear Lake, MN

**Graduation Year:**

2021

**Extracurriculars:**

SJU Media Services, intramurals

**Interests:**

“I love traveling, playing different sports, and listening to music”



**Name:**

Maggie Gillis

**Majors:**

Accounting - CPA Concentration & Hispanic Studies

**Hometown:**

Savage, MN

**Graduation Year:**

2021

**Extracurriculars:**

CSB Figure Skating, Admission Tour guide, PwC summer 2020 intern



**Name:**

Torri Kempf

**Major:**

Accounting - Finance Concentration

**Minor:**

Hispanic Studies

**Hometown:**

DeSoto, KS

**Graduation Year:**

2023

**Extracurriculars:**

Basketball Manager, Gorecki Worker

**Interests:**

“I love playing intramural basketball.”





**Name:**

Christian Bednarz

**Major:**

Accounting - CPA Concentration

**Hometown:**

St. Francis, MN

**Graduation Year:**

2022

**Extracurriculars:**

Intramurals, Bowling Club

**Interests:**

“I enjoy participating in different athletic activities such as bowling, golf, and basketball.”



**Name:**

Ryan Kranz

**Major:**

Accounting - Finance Concentration

**Hometown:**

Lino Lakes, MN

**Graduation Year:**

2022

**Extracurriculars:**

Intramurals, Bowling Club, Finance Club

**Interests:**

“I enjoy participating in different sports.”



**Name:**

Alec Ganz

**Major:**

Economics

**Hometown:**

Mahtomedi, MN

**Graduation Year:**

2022

**Extracurriculars:**

Football

**Interests:**

“I enjoy hiking and fishing. Looking at different real estate investments is also something I like to do in my free time.”



**Name:**

Shannon O'Rourke

**Major:**

Economics

**Minor:**

Pre-Law

**Hometown:**

New Prague, MN

**Graduation Year:**

2021

**Extracurriculars:**

E-Scholars, Enactus, IT Help Desk

**Interests:**

"I enjoy knitting in my free time."



**Name:**

Max Salden

**Major:**

Global Business Leadership

**Minor:**

History

**Hometown:**

Minneapolis, MN

**Graduation Year:**

2023

**Extracurriculars:**

Trap Shooting

**Interests:**

“During the summer, I love fishing and trap shooting.”



**Name:**

Annika Rzeszutek

**Major:**

Accounting - CPA Concentration

**Hometown:**

St. Francis

**Graduation Year:**

2022

**Extracurriculars:**

XPD (Career Assistant), Bennies in Business, Intramurals

**Interests:**

“I love playing intramural volleyball.”



**Name:**

Haley Dietz

**Major:**

Global Business Leadership

**Minor:**

Psychology

**Hometown:**

New Prague, MN

**Graduation Year:**

2021

**Extracurriculars:**

Senate, J-Walking, Big Brother Big Sister, and Becoming Community Member

**Interests:**

“As a true Minnesotan, I love spending time outdoors. I also enjoy staying active by running, hiking, and playing hockey. One of my favorite things to do is travel, which I spent a lot of time doing during my semester abroad. I also enjoy reading.”



**Name:**

La'tahj Bodie

**Major:**

Global Business Leadership

**Hometown:**

Nassau, Bahamas

**Graduation Year:**

2022

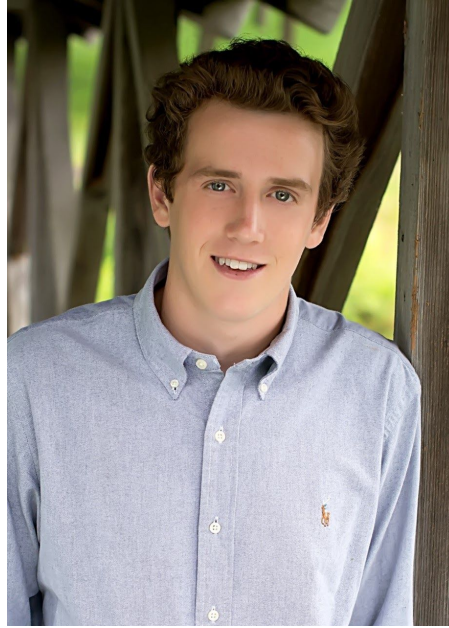
**Extracurriculars:**

Supervisor at Refractory

**Interests:**

“I enjoy reading and participating in deep, meaningful conversations. In my  
freetime, I also enjoy gaming.”





**Name:**

William Nicklay

**Majors:**

Economics

**Hometown:**

Bloomington, MN

**Graduation Year:**

2022

**Extracurriculars:**

Ultimate Frisbee Club (captain), Career Assistant at XPD, Intramurals

**Interests:**

“I enjoy following the stock market. I also enjoy traveling, fishing, and watching and playing sports. One of my other interests is international business.”



**Name:**

Zengqinre Dang

**Majors:**

Global Business Leadership

**Hometown:**

Maqu, Gansu, China

**Graduation Year:**

2023

**Extracurriculars:**

SJU Refectory Supervisor

**Interests:**

“I enjoy playing and watching basketball and soccer. I also have a love for music.”



**Name:**

Jackson Evans

**Majors:**

Global Business Leadership

**Minors:**

Computer Science

**Hometown:**

Lakeville, MN

**Graduation Year:**

2022

**Extracurriculars:**

Intramural Sports, Ultimate Frisbee Team

**Interests:**

“I really like going to concerts with my friends, playing sports, and playing cards.”



**Name:**

Joseph Peterson III

**Majors:**

Accounting - Finance Concentration

**Hometown:**

South Minneapolis, MN

**Graduation Year:**

2022

**Extracurriculars:**

Club Soccer, Finance Club, Intramural Athlete, Bowling Club

**Interests:**

“Besides being business savvy I’m really involved with professional sports and the constant news that follows.”



**Name:**

Sam Zimmerman Jr.

**Majors:**

Global Business Leadership

**Minors:**

Art

**Hometown:**

Minneapolis, MN

**Graduation Year:**

2022

**Extracurriculars:**

Soccer, Film Supervisor, Intramurals

**Interests:**

“I really like to stay updated with sports and use my skills with film to create videos and movies.”



**Name:**

Casey Peterson II

**Majors:**

Global Business Leadership

**Minors:**

English

**Hometown:**

South Minneapolis, MN

**Graduation Year:**

2023

**Extracurriculars:**

Sexton worker, Intramural Basketball

**Interests:**

“I enjoy playing basketball, boxing, and perfecting my art of sandwich making.”



**Name:**

Khoi Tran

**Majors:**

Global Business Leadership

**Hometown:**

Vietnam

**Graduation Year:**

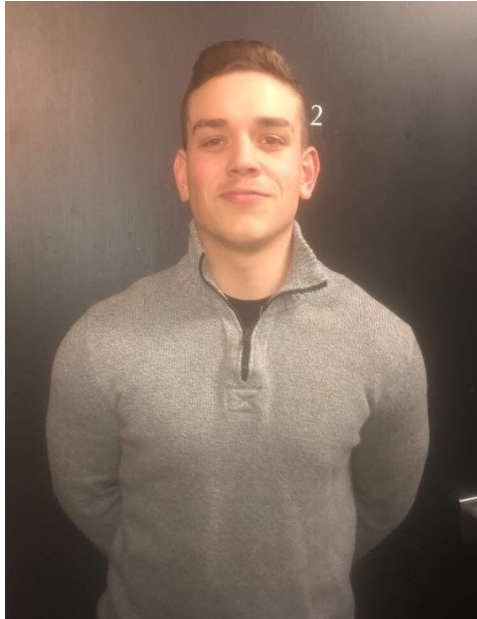
2022

**Extracurriculars:**

Supervisor at the Refectory

**Interests:**

“Networking and success are two things I enjoy the most.”



**Name:**

Peter Schroeder

**Majors:**

Global Business Leadership

**Hometown:**

Plymouth, MN

**Graduation Year:**

2021

**Extracurriculars:**

Baseball

**Interests:**

“I like to play baseball, play cards, and come up with business ventures.”