



To the University of Maryland's Alpha Epsilon Pi brothers, alumni, family, and friends:

Let me introduce myself! My name is Ben Talesnik and I'm currently a junior at the University of Maryland (UMD) studying computer science. I'm writing to you as a founding father and the current alumni and family engagement chair.

I'm thrilled to share that the Delta Deuteron colony of AEPi is alive and well. As of October of 2022, brothers have united under the purpose of bringing AEPi back to UMD and I'm excited to provide some updates on what we've been up to since our refounding.

From the Master

Hello all! I am Ari Julius, Delta Duteron's current Brother Master (President). I am a rising senior in the aerospace engineering program here at Maryland. I am part of our founding class and was our colony's rush chair last term. Although our colony is small, we have a bright future. We anticipate becoming a chapter as of Fall 2025 and returning to campus that same semester.

The brothers of Delta Deuteron are highly motivated academically, prioritizing school above all else. As a colony, we achieved an average GPA of over 3.5 last semester. To help everyone prepare for finals, we've established a tradition during our reading day. Each semester, we hold a study session where brothers can enjoy coffee and donuts while dedicating the day to studying.

Looking ahead, we plan to introduce several professional development events. This year, we have scheduled a LinkedIn night, providing opportunities for brothers to take professional headshots and enhance their networking skills. With the revival of our

newsletters, we hope to engage our network of alumni and family to host interest meetings in various professions, offering guidance and support to brothers pursuing those fields.

As a colony, we place a high value on brotherhood. Over the past year, we've found creative ways to bond, such as hosting viewing parties for major sporting events, going paintballing, organizing tailgates, and camping together. We are always looking for new ways to connect and hope to take a weekend trip to the beach or mountains this coming fall. In our first year, we participated in multiple events with AEPI brothers from other schools. Some of our most notable events include a regional retreat, a tailgate with Towson, and a Nationals game with the GW brothers. As we grow, we hope to organize many more events with all the surrounding AEPI chapters.



This last year has been a challenging time for Jewish students on campuses across the world. In response, we have acted as a safe space for brothers who need a friend who can comfort one another and participate in constructive discourse in these trying times. We also were an active part of the campus-wide Jewish community. Brothers participated in numerous Jewish and Israel-related events. Delta Deuteron helped sponsor the vigil on campus and had a booth at the Israel Day celebration.

We know we have a bright future ahead of us and we're so excited to bring our fellow alumni, family, and friends along for the ride.

Warm regards,
Ari Julius

Current Members

It's my pleasure to introduce the current standing classes of the Delta Deuteron Colony:

Founding Class:

- Adin Carr ('25, Sentinel) is a public health science (Pre-PA) major from Columbia, MD.
- Al Dimont ('25, Scribe) is an english and psychology major from Boca Raton, FL.
- Ari Abamovitz ('26) is a philosophy, politics, and economics (PPE) major from Lower Merion, PA.
- Ari Julius ('25, Brother Master) is an aerospace engineering major from Fair Lawn, NJ.
- Ben Talesnik ('26) is a computer science major from Baltimore, MD.
- David Eller ('25) is a finance major from Rockville, MD.
- Josh Stein ('26) is an aerospace engineering major from Rockville, MD.
- Scott Dobo ('25) is a computer science major from Marietta, GA.
- Stone Schwartz ('26) is a mechanical engineering major from Deerfield, IL.

Alpha Class:

- Noah Bland ('26) is a broadcast journalism major from Rockville, MD.
- Billy Gold ('26, Exchequer) is a computer science major from Woodcliff Lake, NJ.
- Caleb Becker-Schwartz ('27, Lieutenant Master) is an aerospace engineering and astronomy major from Denver, CO.

Beta Class:

- Zachary Gordon ('27) is an aerospace engineering major from Wayland, MA.
- Alex Wise ('27) is a mathematics major from Linword, NJ.
- Jared Sherman ('26) is a information science, finance, and operations management and business analytics triple major from Larchmont, NY.
- Adam Stein ('25) is a computer engineering major from Germantown, MD.



Recent Philanthropy

After the events of October 7th, we joined together with other greek organizations, Chabad, and Athletes for Israel to help pack supplies for Israel. We put together packs of medical and household supplies, wrote letters, and gathered together as a community to show our support for those in Israel.



Brothers joined together on a Sunday afternoon in March to help clean the UMD Arboretum. They picked weeds and raked acorns across campus. As a strong group of brothers, we continue to fulfill our practice of Tikkun Olam, working together to make the world a better place.

In May, UMD Hillel hosted their annual Israel Fest which includes activities, tables, and more to show off Israeli culture to the students of the university. Brothers took time out of their busy final study schedules to run a table for Pie-A-Pi—an AEPi classic involving donating to pie a brother for charity. All of the proceeds were donated to Megan David Adom.



Jewish Programming

BLT (Bagels, Lox, and Tefillin) is a classic among Maryland's Chabad. Multiple times throughout the year, brothers joined together on Sunday mornings to spend time with the Chabad family, eat bagels, and wrap Tefillin. It's always a great time at the Chabad house and we always make the most of this experience!

Since our founding, our favorite time to bold has been Shabbat. It's grown from simply going to Hillel or Chabad as a colony to hosting our own Shabbat meals. This spring, we were awarded money from AEPi to elevate the experience of one of our programs. There's nothing better than Sushi on shabbat! We joined together, ate sushi, and celebrated Shabbat in the best way possible.

Alumni Spotlight

Ben Zettler ('12) was a brother from the spring of 2010 as a freshman, until he graduated in December of 2012. Zettler currently works as the founder of his digital marketing agency, Zettler Digital. Through this agency, he works with emerging and globally recognized ecommerce brands, athletes, and other personalities to optimize their business through email marketing, advertising, and website development.

Zettler remembers his days in AEPi like it was yesterday. His favorite memories consisted of



hosting the Splash Bash, beating Duke his freshman year to win the ACC, and going on away weekends. [You can find him on LinkedIn!](#)

Brother Spotlight

We would like to spotlight Brother Stone Hunter Schwartz, whom we affectionately refer to as our colony's "Super Jew." If there's a Jewish or Israel-related event on campus, you can count on him being there—even if they overlap! Due to his high level of commitment to his community, Brother Stone was selected to be a part of the universities Joint President-University Senate Task Force on Antisemitism and Islamophobia. He also serves as the president of the Jewish Student Union (JSU) at UMD and is the vice president of Terps for Israel. Additionally, he is an active member of Kedma, the Orthodox Jewish group at UMD, participates in a university task force fighting antisemitism, and is a member of Tamid. When brother Stone has free time, you can most likely find him playing basketball with friends. For Delta Deuteron, Stone is our Jewish Identity Chair and Israel Engagement Chair. We are all super grateful to have Stone as our brother.

Keep In Touch!

We would love to hear from you! As we continue to navigate through our refounding process, it's been great getting to connect with our alumni and family, all giving us great insight into their time in AEPI, general advice, and everything else under the sun. Feel free to reach out to myself, Ben, or our current Brother Master, Ari!

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