

**THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL
ALPHA UPSILON STATE
FRIEND OF EDUCATION AWARD NOMINATION**

Alpha Upsilon State recognizes the outstanding service, commitment, and important contributions made by many individuals, civic groups, organizations, businesses and corporations throughout Massachusetts to advance education and educational opportunities.

In recognition of these various contributions, Alpha Upsilon State of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, proudly offers the "Friend of Education Award".

1. Deserving individuals who are not educators (male or female), groups, or businesses may be nominated by any chapter or state committee in Alpha Upsilon State.
2. Complete the form in triplicate.
3. Send one copy to State President Lynn Howard, 1st Vice President Claire LaBonte, and the President of your chapter. Please also keep one copy for your files.

Nominee Steve Meinel

Affiliation Savers of Fall River

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Nominated by: Jo-Anne Butler

Chapter Eta

Provide a Summary of no more than one page.

Please make reference to as many of the criteria as possible.

Send copies to:

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Your Chapter President

Eta Chapter has a thriving Literacy program which reaches out to many young disadvantaged children who are eager to learn to read and own their own books. Steve Meinel of Savers of Fall River has been an instrumental part of helping us reach out to even more children. He has made it possible to provide hundreds of books to strengthen Eta chapter's community projects and give children the opportunity to strengthen their reading skills and develop their love for reading

Recently he has helped Delta Kappa Gamma provide books to outfit classrooms for 7 new teachers in an at-risk school. Steve recognizes the importance of providing books, especially a variety of books, to young children to enrich their minds and encourage their eagerness to read. When books are delivered, the teachers are overjoyed with the new materials knowing that their students have a wealth of reading materials at their fingertips which will encourage students to develop their reading skills.

Steve's assistance, is enabling more children to receive and own books thereby encouraging their love of reading especially in these difficult economic times as well as building the child's self-esteem. The happiness that is displayed when books are distributed is memorable; it's like you have given them a new best friend. With Steve's continuing support, this caring gentleman is helping us build the leaders of tomorrow and making Eta's chapter's literacy programs a great success.