

**ADAM’S LAW**

Senate Bill 439 passes unanimously through the Virginia Senate

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We have been able to utilize Adam's story for every single part of both bills, everything that we have modified in terms of education and punishment, we have used Adam's story as the 'why.' This is why this is important. This is why this is crucial.

**Courtney White, Adam Oakes' cousin**

VCU’s Delta Chi chapter was suspended for four years in 2018 due to multiple infractions. The university ended up lifting the suspension after only one year, despite the chapter’s history of rule-breaking, according to an article by the Richmond Times-Dispatch.

"Had they not revoked the suspension ... Adam would be alive today," Eric Oakes said.

The bill states that organizations which are aware of hazing and do not intervene will receive civil penalties.

One of the 11 arrested for hazing Adam Oakes, Andrew White, pled guilty in December to two Class 1 misdemeanor charges of unlawful hazing of a student and buying alcohol for a minor. Andrew White's sentencing is scheduled for March 1, at 9 a.m., according to the Virginia Judiciary Court System website. Andrew White is not related to Adam Oakes' cousin, Courtney White.

Ten former Delta Chi brothers were charged with unlawful hazing of a student and are awaiting future court dates and jury trials according to the Virginia Judiciary Court System website.

White has worked closely with legislators such as Del. Kathleen Murphy, D-McLean, and Virginia Sen. Jennifer Boysko, D-Herndon, to push for the bills.

"In the senate, Jennifer Boyko who is really patronizing, she has been crucial in pioneering this and really getting it to fruition for us. And then Kathleen Murphy of course in the House of Delegates has too and even Sen. Jennifer McClel- lan has played a big part," White said.

White extended her thanks to the students of VCU for helping the Oakes family during this difficult time.

"The students at VCU have been in- stitutional in ways they don’t even un- derstand. That vigil, creating that vigil for Adam meant so much to our family," White said.

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