



## THETA DELTA CHI'S UNDERGRADUATE NEWSLETTER

It's a great Day to be a Theta Delt!  
June 2020

### Living a Socially Responsible Life

When we are initiated as Theta Deltas, we swore oaths to many things. Our values are best expressed in our Preamble. Are these just words, or do they guide us toward actions. Are words like, "improving our moral and social being" and "mutual esteem," empty or do they carry meaning? During this time of turmoil and introspection, we can grab the mantle of change and make a difference in our communities and campuses or continue to repeat platitudes without action. Some ideas to make a difference and build a stronger Greek community:

- Consider starting a fundraiser to support an advocacy group.
- Attend events of Multicultural Greek Council (MGC), National Panhellenic Council (NPHC), and any other culturally-based student organizations to build and foster relationships.
- Attend a roundtable conversation discussing the challenges of Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) and/or any other marginalized group.
- Host a dinner and invite members of MGC and NPHC organizations.
- Collaborate on a service or philanthropy project with Greek and Non-Greek organizations.
- Invite an MGC and/or NPHC organization to a social or mixer
- Call out racism and inequality whenever we see it.
- Ensure events, educational programming and marketing allows for inclusiveness.
- Ensure members have a way to state grievances to the Charge to address them as they arise.

Please reach out and share what ACTIONS you are committing to, to show how being a Theta Delt is not just a values-based organization but also a value-added organization to [rwood@tdx.org](mailto:rwood@tdx.org). Being one of the Sons of Minerva can bring value to ourselves, our schools and our communities by living out our values.

### Convention 2020



As we look forward to our virtual convention, July 30-August 1, we have put together Minerva sessions that help to address not only who we are as an organization but who we are as men in 2020. We have also designed numerous, online social activities everyone to participate along with re-designing our business meeting agenda.

While we will all miss "renewing our social joys," and the traditional means of networking with each other, I am sure this new format will still help us to reach our goals.

As a teaser, here is what we have tentatively planned for Thursday, July 30. Watch for publication of the entire convention schedule

#### Thursday, July 30, 2020

- 6:00pm – 7:00pm ET Minerva Session 1: T.J. Sullivan (**Confronting the idiot in your Charge**)

o Every charge has at least one. The brother making poor choices and behaving in a way that is hurting themselves, you, or the organization. He's still a brother, and you'd do anything for him, but sometimes you wish he would just transfer to another school, far, far away.

At a certain point, a line is crossed, and you decide that it's time to have a conversation and confront the negative behavior. But, it's an intimidating thing to do. How will he react? What if he doesn't change the behavior? What if the situation gets worse?

In this humorous, realistic program, T.J. Sullivan will help you answer the question: "Where do we draw the line?" We will discuss why it's so hard to confront, and T.J. will provide you with practical strategies that will increase your chances of success when you get the guts to confront.

- 7:00pm – 8:30pm ET Business Session 1
- 8:30pm ET Social Event - Game Night

### Grand Lodge Position Openings



Interested in running for the Grand Lodge? Did you know there are four open positions this year?

The 144th Grand Lodge of Theta Delta Chi will be elected at the 173rd Convention this August. Any candidate running for a Grand Lodge position must give notification of their intention to stand for election to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee no later than 6 PM on the day preceding the election, and must appear before the Nominating Committee prior to the Committee making its report to the Convention. Please consider completion of the application as your notification of intention to stand for election. Upon completion you will be contacted to schedule an interview with the committee.

The application can be found [here](#).

### Charge Awards!!!



There are over a dozen awards given out annually at Convention. Seven of these are awards have open nominations. Below are links to both the individual and Charge award applications for the 173rd

Convention. Individual awards include Undergraduate of the Year and Alumnus of the Year. Charge awards include the Service and Philanthropy Cup, Guy C. Pierce Improvement Cup, Ritual Improvement Cup, President's Cup, and Victory Cup. The deadline for submission is July 17th, 2020.

[Individual Charge Last Years Awards](#)