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**It's a great Day to be a Theta Delt!
December 2021**



16th Annual Preamble Institute Registration

Because of the uncertainty created by the Omicron Variant, this year's Preamble Institute will be a virtual event. It will be held on **Sunday, January 16, 2022 from 1:00pm EST – 6:45pm EST**. While **every Charge is required to have one member participate**, any Charge member who is interested may do so at no cost. This year's program will be markedly different than in year's past while the structure of large groups coupled with smaller (Lodge) groups will still be maintained. The content outline for this event is available upon request from rwood@tdx.org.

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Officer Transition

We are heading into Charge election season for many of you. After elections have taken place, and the new board has taken their positions, please go into MyTDX.org and update officer transition. Click on MANAGE tab, scroll down to the MEMBERS box and click on:



You will also want to consider having a transition retreat. A possible agenda for this meeting could be:

- Preamble
- Current officers present Charge status
 - Accomplishments and challenges
- Questions for Current officers
- Out-going/in-coming officer pair ups to review Transition Manuals
- Review last Report Of Visitation
- New Officers
 - How will you build off successes and address challenges
 - Vision for where you want to go
- Goal Setting with entire group
- Developing plans for a presentation to brotherhood
- Closure
 - What are your next steps?
 - Plan to meet with Fraternity and Sorority Life (FSL) Advisor to share results of meeting

Spectemur Agendo Shoutouts

Carson Fisher, Beta Deuteron '23, IFC VP of Recruitment

PLEASE contact Rick Wood at rwood@tdx.org so we can provide a shoutout to all of our brothers who take on leadership positions outside of your Charge. Student government, leadership roles in other organizations, leadership positions on sports teams, editor of your school newspaper or any other leadership role. This feature is meant to provide a shoutout to everyone who is stepping forward to add value to their community.

Charge Spotlight



Beta Deuteron was founded on the Iowa State Campus in 1919 and has remained on that campus ever since. They have a beautifully renovated Charge house and a strong, active membership of 60+ men. During the Fall 2021 recruitment period, Beta Deuteron successfully crossed 17 new members into active status. They also have a very strong and active House Corporation. They raised their GPA, which had been lingering at the lowest tier in the Greek Community, to now having the 4th highest GPA among all fraternities at Iowa State, through much hard work and focused attention. They have worked hard at “improving the intellectual being” and are all very proud of this accomplishment. This improvement has led to increased alumni engagement and donations. The Beta Deuteron Class of '71 celebrated their 50th Reunion and

during that event the class established a scholarship in the name of Ron Hallenbeck, Beta Deuteron '71. This scholarship will be awarded annually, in the amount of \$5000, to a single Beta Deut. The President of Iowa State University, Dr. Wendy Wintersteen, attended the reunion event and presented a plaque to Bro. Hallenbeck to commemorate the naming of this scholarship fund.

Franklin “Frank” Thomas, Eta Deuteron '33, one of Disney’s animators who worked on numerous animated feature films, including Bambi, was responsible for animating the character of Thumper. Sometime in the 1950’s, the Charge

adopted Thumper as its official mascot. Two brothers at the time wrote Bro. Thomas and asked for another rendering of the iconic rabbit and what followed was this drawing of Thumper supporting Theta Delta Chi. This drawing now is secured in the Charge House and on display for all to see.

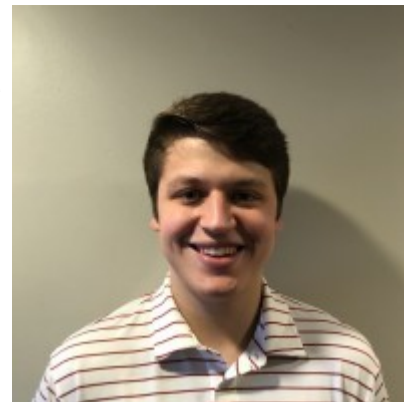


This year, the Charge has begun a collaboration with the Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation for Autism as their official philanthropic partner. The Charge also works with the Reiman Botanical Gardens on the campus providing manpower for special events hosted at the gardens. Greek Week is a big opportunity for the Charge and they participate in the 5K, blood drive and park clean-up during that time period. A big "1,8—4,7!" to the men of the Beta Deuteron Charge as they work to embody the ideals of our founders through "improving the intellectual, moral and social being" of the brotherhood.

Exceptional Brothers Doing Exceptional Things

This edition of the undergraduate newsletter will feature several Charge presidents who have demonstrated strength and leadership during adversity. Each of these men stepped up and demonstrated grit, perseverance, determination and lead from a place of values, both personal and organizational. They were not afraid to ask for help from the CFO or from university or their own Charge support system.

Charlie Dern, Sigma Deuteron '22 – Faced with accusations about social misconduct and sanctions from the University of Wisconsin, Charlie reached out to the CFO and worked with us on crafting a reform plan to move the Charge forward by demonstrating a firm commitment to changing the culture and direction of the Charge while crafting a partnership with the CFO and University. The Charge house has never been cleaner and the University sees the growth and direction of Charge in a positive light. The University has also recognized the positive partnership of the CFO and the Charge. They are building their new culture "Brick by brick."



Hunter White, Gamma Triton '22 – Hunter is leading the Gamma Triton Charge into a new era of growth on the Michigan State campus. The Alumni Association sold the house and the Charge has rented and moved



into a much larger and nicer house than they originally had. Charge membership has grown dramatically and they have developed a stronger reputation on campus. This reputation has been reinforced by the fact that an allegation of misconduct was leveled toward the Charge. Hunter contacted the CFO immediately and together they worked out a decisive course of action and were able to extinguish most negative repercussions toward the Charge.

In the aforementioned cases, these men acted out of a sense of commitment and values to lead their Charges forward. They came with the understanding that: "What is popular, is not always right, and what is right is not always popular." They approached the issues with a Growth Mindset and worked to develop a plan before they were asked for one, demonstrating proactive leadership. Leadership can

often be a difficult endeavor; however, by reaching out and building a support network, we can all become stronger. Our success lies in forging positive partnerships with both the CFO and their University hosts, especially before situations arise.



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