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It's a Great Day to be a Theta Delt!
March 2022



Scholarship Opportunities The Theta Delta Chi Educational Foundation

Now is a great time to begin working on your Theta Delta Chi Educational Foundation Scholarship applications. All the information you need to start is at <http://tdxscholars.org>. Every year over 20k of scholarship money is awarded to Theta Delts like you. Don't miss out.

Holmes Murphy Fraternal Practice Scholarship

Holmes Murphy, our insurance broker, is offering ten \$1000 scholarships to minority fraternity and sorority members who are interested in pursuing careers in the insurance industry.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

To be eligible for the Holmes Murphy Fraternal Practice scholarship, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Currently enrolled as a full-time student

- Pursuing an undergraduate degree in Economics, Finance, Computer Science, Marketing, Communications OR interested in pursuing a career in the insurance industry
- Applicants must be a member in good standing of the organization and the chapter must be in good standing with the national/international organization at the time of application
- Participate in a 60-minute Holmes Murphy webinar to learn about opportunities within Holmes Murphy & Associates

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION

Deadline to submit April 15, 2022

Questions? Please reach out to Dr. Lori Hart at lhart@holmesmurphy.com.

Application link: https://surveys.shareabundantly.com/jfe/form/SV_aeB2cJ2synPGeCG



Convention

The 175th Convention is not that far away. Mark your calendar for August 4th -7th to join Theta Delts from across the U.S. and Canada as we meet in Schenectady, NY at Union College to celebrate this landmark event. More information about this great event will be in forthcoming newsletters. You can represent your Charge, if you are select as one of your two delegates.

In the meantime, now is the time to begin to think about running for one of two undergraduate member at large positions on the Grand Lodge. Current and past undergraduate members of the Grand Lodge will be more than happy to share with you, their experience. Contact glstaff@tdx.org for more information. Applications for these two positions will be available next month and a link will be provided in this newsletter.

MyTDX.org: My Profile

PLEASE go into your profile on MyTDX.org and make sure your profile information is complete. The following information is vital for us to maintain the accuracy of our membership records. After almost 175 years, we still need to make sure these records are complete and accurate.

After you have logged in, click on your name in the right-hand corner of the window. Verify OR add the following pieces of information:

- Email address
- Phone number
- Home address
- New Member Class
- Graduation Class
- Delegation *

*four years after you enroll in college – not necessarily your year of graduation or your initiation year

Free Training on MyTDX.ORG powered by GreekTrack



This training offered on MyTDX.org is free and available to any brother simply by registering here. All Webinar sessions hosted by GreekTrack are one-hour in length and run from 8:00pm – 9:00pm EST. If you cannot attend, recordings of each webinar are available, just register for the event anyway and the recording will be sent to you.

Upcoming topics:

- **April 6 – Files, Forms, Emails, SMS, and Announcements:** This training covers all the communication tools within GreekTrack. While this is often great for Secretaries and PR Chairs, the information is valuable for all members. We'll look at the File Manager and how you can upload and securely share files with your members. We'll also learn about Forms and all the ways you can use them to gather information from your members. The section on Bulk Emails and Bulk SMS Texting will give you lots of ideas on how to easily stay in touch with your members (both active and alumni). And finally, Announcements are a great way to quickly update your chapter.
- **April 21 – Member and Officer Transitions:** Our focus will be on confirming that all of your members are listed in the correct Membership Status, and how to correct that if you need to make some changes. We'll also show you how to update your GreekTrack system with your new Officer Team if you've recently had elections. This training is well-suited for Membership Chairs and Presidents but can be valuable for all members.

Click [here](#) to register. You will need to register for each session separately.

Customized MyTDX.ORG Training

If any Charge, executive board, or officer needs MyTDX.org training or support, contact Rick Wood at rwoo@tdx.org to set up a customized workshop.

Officer Elections and Transitions

Spring term is often the time of year when elections happen. It is important that you transition your new officers into their respective positions on mytdx.org. After you log in:

- Click on the **MANGE** tab
- Scroll down to the **MEMBERS** window
- Click on **OFFICERS**
- Change the names for all of the officer positions
- Click on **UPDATE OFFICERS** at the bottom of the page



Charge Spotlight: Sigma Triton



The Sigma Triton Charge at The Pennsylvania State University started life as [two totally different fraternities](#).

In 1915 Sigma Triton Charge began life as the Iota Chi Delta Fraternity which was founded at Penn State as a local architectural fraternity. Early on they decided to enlarge the group so they included men who were in the civil engineering program and landscape gardening programs and also moved into their first house. As they grew, they decided to look for national affiliation and petitioned Sigma Phi Sigma national fraternity for membership and became the Beta chapter of Sigma Phi Sigma in 1919 for membership. By 1923 the Charge had grown in size and stability and decided to build, what has become, their current house at 305 East Prospect. During WWII the Army Air Force took over the house and used it as a barracks for their pre-flight training program at the University. At that time, many brothers enlisted in the Air Force program and served in the war. While the Beta chapter of Sigma Phi Sigma continued to thrive after WWII, that was not the case for the fraternity nationally. Eventually, the Beta chapter

became the sole surviving chapter of Sigma Phi Sigma and subsequently became a local fraternity. In 1952, the men of the chapter reached out to several national organizations, and because of the work of Brother Norm Hackett, Gamma Deuteron 1898, "Mr. Theta Delta Chi," the chapter decided to affiliate with Theta Delta Chi and in 1954 they became the Sigma Triton Charge.

Today the Charge is home to 88 undergraduate brothers and a new member class of 19. The Charge cumulative GPA is 3.4 and they are ranked 5th overall among fraternities on the campus. The Charge alumni are gearing up

to conduct a million-dollar renovation project which will see new front stairs, new study areas, new sleeping rooms, a new addition, bathroom renovations and the lowering of the basement with a total remodel of that area.

The Charge is rightfully proud of its philanthropic and service work. Penn State fraternities come together annually to conduct an event called [Thon](#) the largest student-run philanthropy in the world. This [dance marathon](#) is conducted over a 46-hour period and raises approximately \$14 million dollars annually for pediatric cancer and the Four Diamonds Foundation. This past year, Sigma Triton contributed \$37,000 to this total and their goal for next year is to contribute \$50,000. This is not their only service and philanthropy project. During the past year, they raised \$4000 for the Flutie Foundation and also contributed to the annual blood drive on the campus.

This Charge, while only 68 years old in the history of Theta Delta Chi, traces its roots back 106 years on the Penn State campus. We give a big "18-47" shout-out to this highly successful, values-driven, and value-added Charge.

Spectemur Agendo Shoutouts

Matt Diamond, Sigma Triton '24, Associate Analyst in the Industrials Group for Leveraged Lion Capital

Mark Richards, Sigma Triton '21; Tim Egan, Sigma Triton '22; Nolan Barr, Sigma Triton '23

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James Peretz, Sigma Triton '23, Vice President of the Penn State Chapter American Nuclear Society

Evan Bender, Sigma Triton '23, Treasurer, Surf Club

Aaron Eberhardt, Sigma Triton '24, Lead Associate in the Metals Sector of the Asset Management Group

Brendan Meyer, Sigma Triton '24, President, Penn State Men's Hockey Club

Moises Hernandez, Sigma Triton '23, DEI Chair for the Penn State IFC

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.

Exceptional Brothers Doing Exceptional Things

Walter F. O'Malley, Phi Deuteron '26

The crack of the bat, the smell of popcorn, hot dogs, and beer are all indicators that it must be Spring Training and there is no better time to acknowledge Walter F. O'Malley, Phi Dueteron 1926. Brother O'Malley was a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and was the Owner of the Dodgers from 1950-1979. In 1958, he moved the team from Brooklyn to Los Angeles and in 2008 he was elected to the National Baseball Hall of Fame for his contributions to and influence on the game of baseball.

After he obtained his law degree, he had a career in public works contracting and then became an executive with the Dodgers. He started as a team lawyer and worked his way up to becoming the team owner and president. In 1970 he turned over the Presidency to his son and upon his death in 1979 he bequeathed the team to his son, Peter and daughter, Therese O'Malley Seidler. In 1958 Bro. O'Malley made the cover of Time Magazine when he moved the franchise to the West Coast.



A full biography of this controversial Theta Delt can be found at:
<https://www.walteromalley.com>



Current editions of the Undergraduate Newsletter are hosted on MyTDX.org (GreekTrack) for all members of the Fraternity.

If you would like to submit ideas for articles, comment on current articles or submit an article for publication in this newsletter, please contact Dr. Richard "Rick" Wood, Educational Consultant for Theta Delta Chi at rwood@tdx.org.

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