



# THETA DELTA CHI'S UNDERGRADUATE NEWSLETTER

## MAY '22

Today is a **GREAT** day to be a Theta Delt



### THETA DELTA CHI SONGS PROJECT

Work on helping everyone learn the songs of Theta Delta Chi continues. We have just recently uploaded vocal tracks of the following songs in an MP3 format:

- Invocation – Opening of meetings
- Doxology – Closing of meetings
- Love Cannot Die (Joyful We Greet You) – First Degree of Initiation
- Dream Girl of Theta Delta Chi
- Stars Ablaze

These tracks all feature someone singing these songs to a piano accompaniment. This can be used to learn the songs along with playing them during meetings as needed. Go to the [FILES](#) section of MyTDX.org and click on the [SONGS](#) folder and then open the [VOCAL TRACKS](#) folder.



Every year the Educational Foundation awards approximately \$20,000 in annual scholarships during the closing of the annual convention.

Scholarships range anywhere from \$1,000 to \$4,000. There are two named scholarships, the Porter Scholarship for \$1,000 given to a candidate excelling in chemistry or another science and several Davenport Scholarships in the amount of \$4000. The Davenport Scholarships have several criteria which can be found on the TDX website in the Educational Foundation section on Grants and Scholarships. In addition to these named scholarships, there are several other general awards in varying amounts between \$1,000 and \$2,000. All scholarships use a single application. Applications are encouraged; please contact [rwood@tdx.org](mailto:rwood@tdx.org) if you have any questions about applying for a scholarship.

Scholarships are available for both graduate and undergraduate studies. Click [here](#) to apply.



**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 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)

## SPECTEMUR AGENDO SHOUTOUTS

- **Samuel Gonzalez, Xi Deuteron '22** – *Mr. Greek philanthropy contestant*
- **Thomas Mathieu, Xi Deuteron '22** – *UW Hockey Team*
- **Will Fulton, Xi Deuteron '22** – *UW Rugby Team*
- **Brandon Cain, Xi Deuteron '22** – *UW Mascot – won 4th place in national competition*
- **Ryan Hilal, Xi Deuteron '21** – *IFC Standards Board*



## CHARGE SPOTLIGHT



**The Xi Deuteron Charge** began life in 1908 as the Chalet Club at the University of Washington, because several men did not find what they were looking for in any of the other fraternities on the campus. On January 4, 1913 they were Chartered as the Xi Deuteron Charge of Theta Delta Chi. In 1916 the Charge house was constructed on the site of the present Xi Deut house and held 25 men. After numerous renovations, the house was expanded from its original capacity to its current capacity of more than 60 brothers. The most recent renovation of the house was completed in 2019. Xi Deuteron has been a consistent award winner having been awarded the Victory Cup 3 times and the President's Cup 15 times.

COVID had a major impact on all of our Charges, but Xi Deuteron worked hard to overcome those challenges. Prior to COVID, Xi Deuteron had a very robust Bros. UnitedD program which was highly respected on their campus. Because of COVID, the Charge realized they were not able to continue as they had in the past, so they conducted a Bros. Outdoors program which was a social media campaign to raise awareness of Autism and their Bros. UnitedD program and to also raise money in anticipation of the return of Bros. UnitedD. Fall term 2021. This coming fall they will be conducting a weeklong philanthropy project to support their Bros. UnitedD program, while also participating in many other Greek organization's philanthropies.

Xi Deuteron counts several varsity athletes among the brotherhood. One of the brothers skates for the UW Hockey team and the entire Charge frequently attends games as a group. Another brother plays Rugby for the University and, as expected, the Charge turns out to support him also.

Prior to COVID the Charge was actively involved in the Special Olympics volunteer service. They also participated in a housing for the homeless program, Sound Foundations NW. During COVID they conducted a grounds cleanup around the entire Greek community during MLK Day.

The Charge currently has approximately 65 undergraduate active members on its roster. Their goals for the coming year include, focusing on academics and bringing grades back up to pre-COVID levels along with recruiting a 30+ man new member class in the fall.



**Nu Triton Charge** has not been recognized at Virginia Tech for the past 7 years. While it has been difficult for them, they have not only survived they have “endeavored to improve and reform.” Because of their hard work alongside the CFO Staff, they have applied for and are going through the process of receiving official recognition from Virginia Tech. A huge shout-out to our brothers at Nu Triton for not only maintaining the values of Theta Delta Chi but showing the University that cultural change is possible. We are awaiting word of the result of this process.



Registration for NON-Delegates is now available. Join hundreds of Theta Delts from across the U.S. and Canada in Schenectady, NY at Union College as we “renew in **UNION** our social joys” August 4-7, 2022. [The Landing Hotel](#) and Casino will be the site of most of the convention activities, reserve your hotel room NOW as space will be limited at the host hotel.

Go to the [Convention website](#) for all of the detailed information you will need to register for the event and to connect with the [Landing Hotel](#) (Group code TDC0822)

This year’s program features a half-day at [Mountain Ridge Adventures](#) OR a trip to the [Saratoga Race Track](#), the moving and inspirational Omega Service, numerous educational sessions and the fun and engaging Grand Banquet. The full convention registration includes these activities and ALL of your meals. Register today to participate in this historic event.



There are over a dozen awards given out annually at Convention. Seven of these awards have open nominations. Below are links to both the individual and Charge award applications for the 175th Convention.

Individual awards include; Undergraduate of the Year and Alumnus of the Year.

Charge awards include; Bruce R. Trefz Service and Philanthropy Cup, Guy C. Pierce Improvement Cup, Ritual Improvement Cup, President's Cup, and Victory Cup.

The deadline for submissions is July 1st, 2022.

- [2022 Individual Award Nomination Form](#)
- [2022 Charge Award Nomination Form](#)

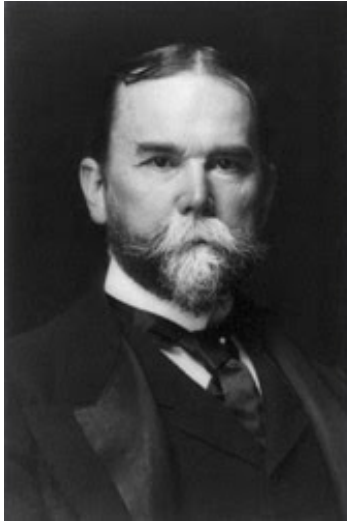
Completed forms and requested documentation should be sent to [jlowry@tdx.org](mailto:jlowry@tdx.org).



There are two Undergraduate Member at Large positions available on the Grand Lodge. These positions are for a one-year term. In the words of **Bradley Rosenblatt, Rho Proteron '22**:

*“The biggest thing I have learned is that we need to look at things from the perspective of each decision lasting for generations to come. I think the biggest benefits are that you get to hear more about what is going on with the other charges and potentially get to hear the solutions they have to problems you could be facing at your own Charge. In addition, you get to be one of the two voices of undergrads at the international level. You get to give input as to where you think the direction of the fraternity should go and come up with strategies to help get there. I would encourage others to run for this position if they want to help shape the future of the fraternity.”*

Click [here](#) to apply for one of the Undergraduate positions on the Grand Lodge Positions. After submitting an application, you will be contacted by the nominating committee to schedule an interview. It is a great opportunity to chart a future for the “Old Lady.”



# EXCEPTIONAL BROTHERS DOING EXCEPTIONAL THINGS:

JOHN HAY  
ZETA 1858

**John Hay, Zeta 1858** (Brown University) had a VERY distinguished life in public service to America that stretched almost fifty years. Brother Hay served as President Lincoln's private secretary and assistant. He also was the U.S. Secretary of State under Presidents McKinley and Theodore Roosevelt. After graduation from Brown University, Hay read law in his uncle's office in Springfield, Illinois which was adjacent to Lincoln's office. Hay was very close to Lincoln and stood by his deathbed after he was shot and then co-authored a multi-volume biography of Lincoln. Bro. Hay served in several diplomatic posts in Europe until finally becoming the Ambassador to the United Kingdom in 1897 and then the U.S. Secretary of State under President McKinley. He negotiated several treaties and trade packs with several countries and most notably he negotiated the treaty with Panama making it possible for the building of the Panama Canal.

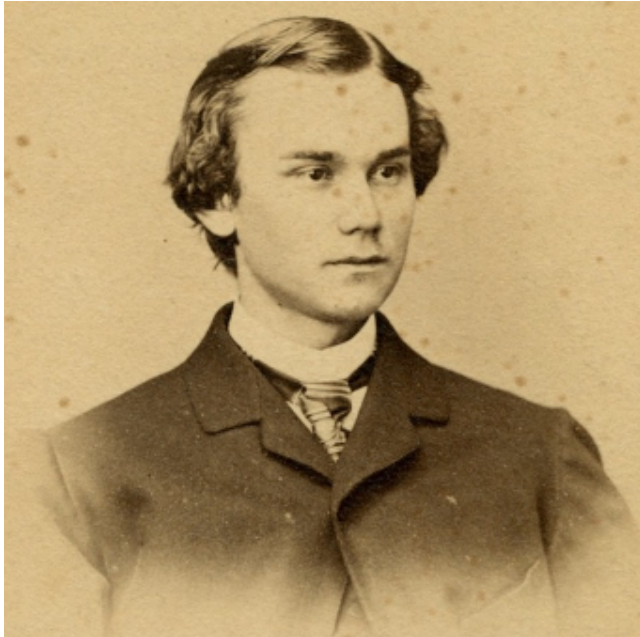
In addition to his work in public service, John Hay has distinguished himself as an author, biographer, and poet. A poem he wrote about Theta Delta Chi appears on page 34 of the Membership Handbook.

***"Then fill your goblets til the wine shall kiss the blushing brim***

***Till morn is red and night is dead and stars are waning dim***

***Stir up the lagging steeds of time and speed them as they fly***

***We'll pledge this night to pure delight and Theta Delta Chi."***



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Lincoln and his secretaries. John Hay is on the right. By Alexander Gardner - Library of Congress, here, Public Domain

