



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



With the recruitment season at hand, there are several things to be thinking about:

1. ALL recruitment events are to be alcohol-free
2. If you need help planning for recruitment OR would like a recruitment workshop, please contact the CFO at [glstaff@tdx.org](mailto:glstaff@tdx.org) and a workshop and assistance will be provided.
3. A standardized TDX bid card is available for Charge use. The templates for each Charge along with ordering information can be found in MyTDX.org>Files>Shared by International Office>Art. The CFO can assist with the ordering process.

Please remember to be on the lookout for veterans of the armed services. A veteran brings a wealth of experience and leadership skills to any Charge. Theta Delta Chi waives the initiation fee for veterans with the submission of appropriate verification (DD214). Please contact the CFO for full details.



## NEW MEMBER EDUCATION PLANS AND PROGRAMS

ALL New Member Education programs are to be alcohol-free events. A good rule of thumb is to plan dry events when Potential New Members and any member of a New Member Class are present.

Remember, hazing is strictly prohibited, and all New Member events are to treat PNMs with respect. Each activity or event should connect specifically to a set outcome in your plan

If you need help with the development or revision of your New Member Education plan, please contact [glstaff@tdx.org](mailto:glstaff@tdx.org) and we will work with your New Member Educator. Support and templates for these plans can be found on MyTDX.org> Files>Shared by International Office>New Member Education. These files can also be found by clicking [New Member Education Planning Guide](#) and downloading the [NME Plan Sample](#).



## SPARTAN RACE CHALLENGE

On September 10<sup>th</sup>, Executive Director Brian Bertges and Grand Lodge Treasurer James Ambrose ran the Spartan Beast Race at Killington, VT. They chose to dedicate their efforts to the Flutie Foundation and raised just over \$1k.

On October 29<sup>th</sup> (two days before Founders' Day) in Arrington, VA, 10 Theta Delts will be running a new Spartan team-based obstacle course race, called Hurricane Heat to raise money for the Educational Foundation. Are you the type of person that wants to

challenge yourself physically and mentally? Are you the type of person that wants to make a difference for other Brothers while doing it?

If so, you can get free lodging and a ticket to the race. Join the Executive Director Brian Bertges, Director of Charge Operations John Lowry, and Charge Consultant Drew Johnson on a “Special Operations” challenge. Only six spaces are left, so sign up now!



Email [bbertges@tdx.org](mailto:bbertges@tdx.org) if you want a slot or for more information. As they say in the Spartan Community: “You’ll know at the finish line.”

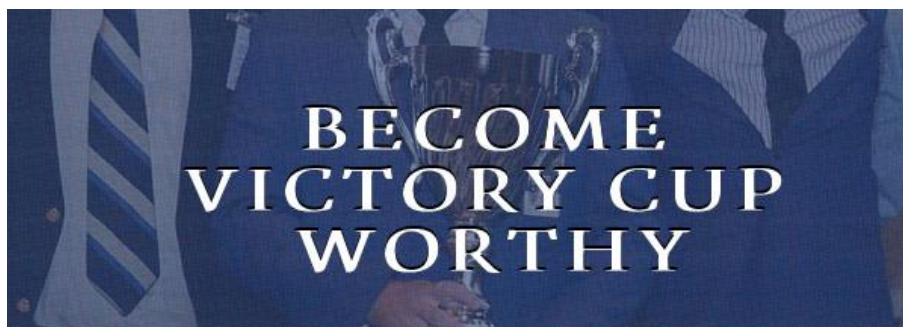


Charge Consultant Drew Johnson is now on the William & Mary campus to begin the process of bringing back the Epsilon Charge. If you know anyone attending the College of William & Mary that would be a good lead for recruitment and expansion, please contact him directly at [djohnson@tdx.org](mailto:djohnson@tdx.org).

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## SPECTEMUR AGENDO SHOUTOUTS

- Finnian Bates, Iota Triton '24 - Ghana Bracelet Fundraiser; He is working with the organization HCDP GHANA selling bracelets handmade by teenage mothers in Ghana where all the proceeds go directly back to helping small communities in Ghana receive glasses, medication, and much more.
- Brendan Mahoney, Iota Triton '22 - Spearheading the Revival of Greek Council at UMASS Dartmouth
- Daniel Pierce, Iota Triton '24 - Researcher with the Head of the Physics Department on Cosmology and Related Topics
- Jared Evasius, Iota Triton '23 - Internship with Millstone Medical Outsourcing, accepted into the accelerated master's program for Biomedical Engineering and Biotechnology.
- Edward Lalumiere V, Iota Triton '23 - Senior design project as the first mechanical engineering student chosen to work with a team to design, build, and test a Baja Buggy for a competition comprised of many other universities.
- Aayush Patel, Iota Triton '22 - Internship with JP Morgan designing an interface for stock price data feeds and utilizing JP Morgan frameworks/tools to interpret data. Aayush conducted research for the school focused on the reconstruction of MR images using quantitative metric values of structural similarity index measure (SSIM) on remote Google cloud servers and databases
- Nicholas Hatch, Iota Triton '22 - Acquired his Class A Commercial License.
- Michael Dickinson, Iota Triton '25 - Reimagined, revised, and implemented a new Iota Triton rush week/recruitment process which is currently bringing in numbers of PNMs unseen in over 5 years



It is never too early to plan. All Charges should have the following items in their Charge MyTDX.org folder.

- Charge Bylaws
- New Member Education Plan
- Risk Management Plan
- Officer Transition Manuals
- Brotherhood Standards Agreement
- Current Charge Budget
- Recruitment Plan

Support is available for creating, revising, or reviewing any of these documents by contacting the CFO at [gjstaff@tdx.org](mailto:gjstaff@tdx.org) OR by locating the appropriate support documents within MyTDX.org>Files>Shared by International Office



Iota Triton was founded in 2005 at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth. The Charge currently has 19 active members, they are seeing a surge in recruitment and planning for growth due to a reimagined and redesigned recruitment process undertaken by Michael Dickinson, Iota Triton '25. There are only six fraternities on this beautiful campus of approximately six thousand undergraduate students, with many of them being commuter students located 60 miles south of Boston.

This Charge has much to be proud of including seeing an average GPA of 3.13, an impressive number of community service hours along with participation in such service and philanthropy projects as Gifts to Give, Providence Breast Cancer Walks, the Doug Flutie Foundation, and other local groups. They have participated in the Tau Tetraton DodgeBrawl event and have hosted their own DodgeBrawl fundraiser for the Flutie Foundation. This group generously gives back to their community by raising funds to support food donation projects at one of the local elementary schools.



This group worked with their alumni to update many of the procedural documents that help make a Charge run effectively including their Bylaws, officer manuals, and revised Robert's Rules of Order. If this were not enough for just 19 members, they also brought about the revival of the Greek Council on their campus. During the 2021 Convention, the Charge won the President's Cup and they were the winners of the 2022 Glenn Marston Travel Cup at this year's Convention.

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THINGS:

RUDOLF F. PEKSENS, KAPPA '66



Rudolf F. Peksens, Kappa '66 is most noted for his achievements while in the U.S. Air Force. In 1966 Brother Peksens completed his degree in Political Science while participating in the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corp Program (AFROTC). Upon graduation, he received his commission in the U.S. Air force and remained in the Air Force until his retirement in 1995 as a Brigadier General. "Rudi" now works as an Independent Consultant in US Defense Planning and Strategy.

While a student at Tufts, "Rudi" was elected the IFC Representative for the Charge two years in a row, he was very active in the Air Force ROTC program and was on the Tufts University Student Council. Leadership runs in his blood!

During his time in the Air Force, Bro. Peksens was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for extraordinary achievement and the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, both while serving in the Vietnam War. The citation for these awards states, "His devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers."

During peacetime, "Rudi" distinguished himself when he was awarded the Defense Superior Service Medal by the Secretary of Defense and the Legion of Merit for exceptional meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services to the government of the United States.

Having met Bro. Peksens twice, I can attest to his devotion to his country and the "Old Lady." Rudi was a guest speaker at the first two Preamble Institute closing dinners and spoke about the lessons learned in the Charge house and how they helped him throughout his career.