



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



Annually, the Founders' Corporation of Theta Delta Chi names a Lindburgh-Downing-Huffman award winner, recognizing one outstanding undergraduate-authored article in the *Shield*. In addition to a certificate, the author receives a \$250 prize. If you would like to submit an article, please email [glstaff@tdx.org](mailto:glstaff@tdx.org). The subject line should be 2023 LDH-Name, Charge. All article submissions must have a title. Please attach any pictures that deal with the article or at least a high-resolution headshot.



Officer elections and transitions are right around the corner for many Charges. There are four pieces to think about in helping to the successful continuation of the Charge.

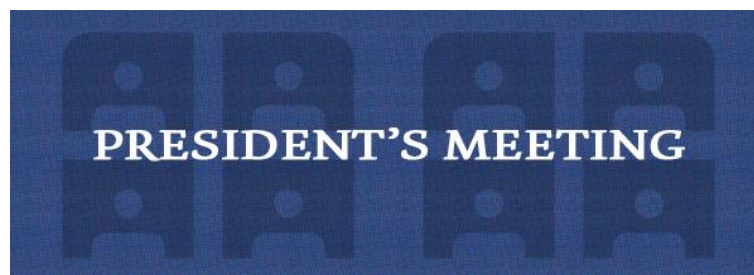
1. The Ritual transition of the officers is defined in the Book of Rituals.
2. Transitioning officers in MyTDX.org. The Grand Lodge staff at the CFO can help you with this if necessary.
3. A possible transition period is when the current officers spend time with the incoming officers to help them learn about the office, roles, duties, and responsibilities. Transition Manuals are very helpful in making this successful. You can download examples from the shared files section in MyTDX.org.

4. An officer retreat is also valuable to hold. This is a time for both the outgoing board and incoming board to come together to reflect on the past year, successes, and challenges and to set some goals for the future. Involving your Alumni Association, House Corporation, or alumni advisor would greatly enhance this retreat.



The 2023 Preamble Institute was held in Richmond, VA, over the Martin Luther King Jr. weekend. Rho Triton Charge (VCU) played host to this year's event that featured large group lessons on the 5 Basic Leadership Practices, strategies for change, and ways to look at communication and building a collation for success. Small discussion groups (Lodges) were designed to promote conversations around the topics presented in the large group meetings. More importantly, they offered participants the opportunity to discuss topics of their own selection. The evaluation survey completed at the conclusion of the Institute suggested that 100% of participants believed the institute would help them to be better leaders and to improve their Charges.

The Preamble Institute is funded, in part, by a grant from the Educational Foundation. Please thank your alumni who are donors to the foundation for their continued support of the scholarships, grants, and educational opportunities for undergraduates. A full report on the 2023 Preamble Institute is available by contacting the Grand Lodge Staff at [glstaff@tdx.org](mailto:glstaff@tdx.org).



As a way to help Charge network and learn from each other, the President of the Grand Lodge (PGL) Jim Leuck, Upsilon Deuteron '09 (Wabash), Executive Director Brian Bertges, Sigma Triton '00 (Penn State), and Director of Charge Operations John Lowry, Theta Triton '13 have been hosting monthly Zoom calls with all Charge Presidents and Corresponding Secretaries. These calls have focused on the successes Charges are having, problems they are facing, and strategies they are using to move their Charge forward. Resources and programs are shared, and stronger bonds of brotherhood are being built internationally. On March 14<sup>th</sup>, there will be a Round-Table with the President

of the Grand Lodge, Educational Foundation, and Founders' Corporation. On April 11<sup>th</sup>, we are also bringing PhiredUp, professionals in the Greek recruitment industry. Mark your calendars as we are allowing more members to attend the April session.



It is never too early to plan your spring philanthropy or service project. Join other Theta Deltas in co-sponsoring the [Flutie 5K](#) on your campus. Your Charge may also consider becoming a [volunteer](#) at one of the many Flutie Foundation activities and fundraisers. To participate in an event OR to sponsor your own event, contact Ethan Michaud [at emichaud@flutiefoundation.org](mailto:emichaud@flutiefoundation.org). Please use the [calendar link](#) to set up a meeting with Ethan to discuss your project.



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## CHARGE SPOTLIGHT



The Delta Deuteron Charge house was featured in the 1967 film, *The Graduate*, starring Dustin Hoffman. The Charge was founded in 1900 on the University of California Berkeley campus. The Charge has been in continuous existence since its founding and boasts many distinguished Theta Deltas, including explorer and photographer Mort Beebe, Delta Deuteron 1927; Head of Surgery at the Mayo Clinic, Oliver Beahrs, Delta Deuteron 1937; Congressman Robert Legget, Delta Deuteron 1948; winner of 1970 America's Cup Race William P. Ficker, Delta Deuteron 1950; and 3-time Pro Bowl player, Chuck Muncie, Delta Deuteron 1975.

During the 2021 academic year, Delta Deuteron was faced with hazing and alcohol violations. After an investigation, the Charge was deemed responsible and then lost University recognition. Undeterred, the Charge faced this challenge head-on and was determined to make a change in its culture. The Charge underwent a period of soul-searching and discussion. A Reform Plan was drafted and approved by the Charge membership with the assistance of alumni and CFO staff. The Charge immediately participated in Restorative Justice Circles and was confronted by those harmed by the hazing. This had a profound impact on all participants, and they understood the need for a change in the culture based on the harm hazing had caused, and the impact the university's culture of alcohol had on all members.

The Charge redesigned its New Member Education process with a focus on learning and living the values of Theta Delta Chi. This program engaged all brothers in building a better and stronger brotherhood. Team building activities were just that, an opportunity to build cohesion among ALL members of the Charge. Programming was focused on hazing prevention, reduction in alcohol use, and better communication between all brothers. There were bi-weekly calls with CFO staff to monitor the plan and provide assistance with implementation. The Charge changed its approach to recruitment, and all events were open for OFSL scrutiny. Parties became secondary, and building friendships became primary. These changes netted a Fall 2022 recruitment class of the largest and highest quality members in over a decade.

In a conversation with their Greek Advisor, he commented that he did not think an organizational culture could change that quickly and profoundly as happened at Delta Deuteron. The Charge, Grand Lodge, CFO staff, and Delta Deuteron Alumni all came together and embraced the belief in the "improvement of the intellectual, moral, and social being." At the same time, implementing the belief, "we pardon the faults of each, while (we) endeavor to improve and reform."



SPECTEMUR AGENDO  
SHOUTOUTS

**Kyler Yeum, Delta Deuteron '26** – Kenusso Bible Study, President of Up & Up Music Festival

**Benjamin Solitt, Delta Deuteron '24** – Research Assistant, UC Berkeley Hellerstein Lab, Research Associate, UC San Francisco ALBA Lab, Founder of Altrium (creative STEM Magazine)

**Dakota Frost, Delta Deuteron '24** – Committee Chair of Tau Beta Pi (Engineering Honor Society), Zinc Air Battery Team for ChemE Car, Waterski and Wakeboard Association of Berkeley

**Avery Eun, Delta Deuteron '23** – Sigma Mu Delta (Pre-med Professional Fraternity)

**Alex Martinez, Delta Deuteron '25** – New Member Educator for Sigma Mu Delta (Pre-med Professional Fraternity)

**Matthew Su, Delta Deuteron '24** – President of Sigma Mu Delta (Pre-med Professional Fraternity)

**Jeremy Giglio, Delta Deuteron '25** – Analyst for Undergraduate Real Estate Club

**Dylan Munt, Delta Deuteron '23** – New Member Educator for Undergraduate Real Estate Club

**Luis Bejarano, Delta Deuteron '24** – Promotions Coordinator for UC Theatre, Marketing Manager for the Associated Students of University California, Founder of Skateboarding at Berkeley

**Monishwaran Maheswaran, Delta Deuteron '24** – Oarsmen for California Lightweight Rowing, Tau Beta Pi (National Engineering Honors Society), Eta Kappa Nu (National Electrical Engineering Honors Society)

**Brandon Nunes, Delta Deuteron '24** – Vice President and Grouphead for The Berkeley Forum

**Sebastian Ramirez, Delta Deuteron '24** – Student Leader for Restorative Justice Center

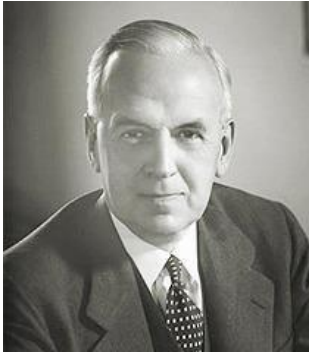
**Christopher Ojeda, Delta Deuteron '24** – Director of External Affairs for International Relations Council at Berkeley, Secretary of The Alexander Hamilton Society, Co-chair curating a museum for the Ventura County of Pueblos Originarios: Reimagining Local Indigenous Communities

**Liam Brownle, Delta Deuteron '25** – Head of brake rotor design for Berkeley Formula Racing, Head of Consumer Sector Analysis for Berkeley Investment Group

**Sachin Milli, Delta Deuteron '23** – President of Enactus, Business Entrepreneurial Club

**Joshua Thompson, Delta Deuteron '24** – CalGreeks, Puente Project

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Cornell University has selected two Theta Deltas as Presidents of the University. From 1937 to 1949, Brother Edmund E. Day, Omicron Deuteron 1905 (Dartmouth), served in the position, and Jeffrey S Lehman, Beta '75 (Cornell), served from 2003 to 2005. Both men served as models for the "improvement of the intellectual being."

Brother Day received his undergraduate and master's degree from Dartmouth and his doctorate in economics from Harvard University. In 1923 he went to the University of Michigan, where he was a professor of economics and became the first dean of the School of Business of Administration and then Dean of the University. In 1937 he became the 5<sup>th</sup> President of Cornell. While in that position, he helped establish the School of Industrial and Labor Relations. The Administration building at Cornell, Day Hall, is named after him.



<https://www.ali.org/news/articles/jeffrey-lehman-named-most-influential-foreign-expert/>

Prior to becoming the 11<sup>th</sup> President of Cornell in 2003, Brother Lehman co-authored the book [\*1000 Ways to Win Monopoly Games\*](#). He went on to earn his law degree from the University of Michigan, and while there, he was the editor-in-chief of the Michigan Law Review. He clerked for Associate Justice John Paul Stevens of the U.S. Supreme Court. He was the vice-chancellor of the New York University Shanghai, an advocate for the role of universities in globalization, and then the dean of the University of Michigan Law School. As President of Cornell, he promoted three themes, "life in the age of the genome," "wisdom in the age of digital information," and "sustainability in the age of development." In 2005 Bro. Lehman stepped down as president and became a Cornell Law School faculty member until 2012.