



THETA DELTA CHI'S UNDERGRADUATE NEWSLETTER

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NEW MEMBERSHIP HANDBOOK

The 17th Edition of the Membership Handbook is now available for download. The PDF is available in the public file section of MyTDX in the Organizational Document folder. The direct link to the handbook is [HERE](#). In addition, the file has been added to the New Member Education resource folder. The folder also has NME Plan Sample and New Member Education Guidelines. Questions or feedback about the handbook or any other resource? Reply to this message or email glstaff@tdx.org.



Mark Your Calendar

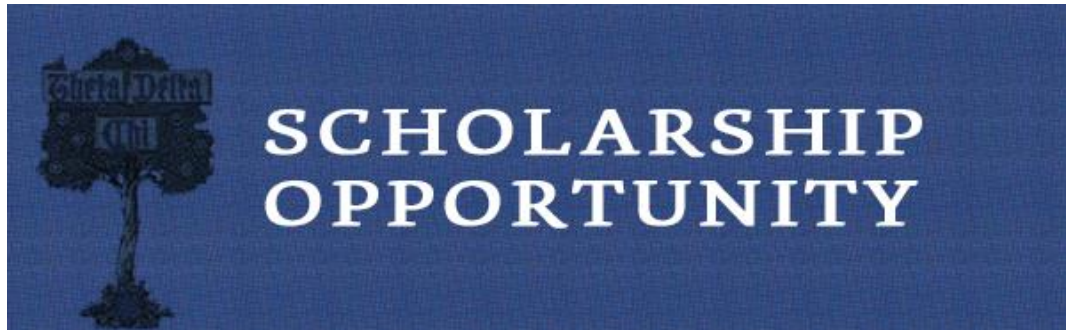
The 176th Annual Convention is not that far away. All Brothers, spouses, and significant others are invited to this year's Convention. The Tempe Mission Palms hotel in Arizona and the Epsilon Triton Charge will be our hosts from August 3 – 5. While we are still planning all of the events, it is never too late to mark your calendar. Each month leading up to Convention, this newsletter will feature information about registration, hotel information, and events.

All Brothers are invited to attend the general business sessions, while spouses and other guests will have activities during those times. Remember, each Charge is required to send two undergraduate delegates and one alumni delegate. It is never too early to elect those positions and to line up your alumni delegate. There is no cost associated with the official undergraduate delegates who attend. The registration is now live.



As a way to help Charges 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 (Binghamton) 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 14th, there was a Round Table with the President of the Grand Lodge and the Educational Foundation.

On April 11th, we are bringing [Phired Up](#), the premier company focused on fraternal recruitment and growth to the meeting as a guest presenter. PhiredUp partners with campuses, headquarters, and local groups to enhance recruitment and expansion opportunities. Mark your calendars as we are allowing more members to attend the April 11th session.



\$10,000 Available

Our insurance broker, Holmes Murphy is offering \$10,000 in scholarship money. These scholarships are for students of color.

This scholarship program was started in 2022 to create greater awareness of the opportunities in the insurance industry and within Holmes Murphy. For 2023, we will offer a \$1,000 scholarship each to 10 students of color.

To be eligible for the scholarship, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Their national/international organization is a Holmes Murphy client.
- They are a student of color.
- They are a member in good standing within their organization, and the chapter must be in good standing with the national/international organization at the time of application.
- They are currently enrolled as an undergraduate full-time student.
- They are pursuing an undergraduate degree in Economics, Finance, Computer Science, Marketing, Communications, Insurance, and Risk Management or are interested in pursuing a career in the insurance industry.
- They are willing to participate in a 60-minute scholarship announcement webinar on June 5 (time TBD).

If you have questions regarding eligibility, please contact Dr. Lori Hart at lhart@holmesmurphy.com.

To apply: https://surveys.shareabundantly.com/jfe/form/SV_9ov3kSQZBHWmfqK



Have you ever thought about working for Theta Delta Chi? Have you enjoyed your time in the brotherhood as an undergraduate and would like to give back to the “Old Lady?” The Grand Lodge has posted two positions for the 2023-24 academic year. The position descriptions are online for the [Charge Consultant](#) and [Educational Consultant](#). To apply send a resume to glstaff@tdx.org.



Are you currently in a leadership position in your Charge? Aspiring to move into a leadership position? The Grand Lodge has launched a new program for you! Personalized Leadership Development Coaching for you or a small group from your Charge is now available. This coaching opportunity is a bi-weekly commitment of one hour that focuses on three questions:

- What is going well?
- What needs work?
- What you are going to commit to?

These coaching sessions are a great way to add accountability, increase familiarity with existing resources, and create the impact you want. Don't hesitate to get in touch with Grand Lodge Staff for details at glstaff@tdx.org.

CHARGE SPOTLIGHT



Originally founded in 1996, **the Xi Triton Charge** at the University at Albany was closed in 1998. After a 15-year hiatus, a group of motivated young men led by Armend Cobovic, Xi Triton '14 came together to re-establish the Charge, with the re-chartering occurring in 2013. Since that time, the Charge has seen many ups and downs, and with new leadership appears to be in the ascendancy once again.

After the re-charting in 2013, tremendous growth was seen in the Charge. Not only did the Charge grow, and its positive reputation rose with it. It was so strong that they were the only group approved for fall recruitment. Two years in a row, they were chosen Chapter of the Year. During the late 2010s, Greek life and TDX fell on hard times with a suspension in 2019. In Spring 2021, the Charge, under the leadership of Eian Stern, Xi Triton '21, was granted the ability to recruit a new member class of 6 men, much like our original founders in 1847. Currently, the Charge is up to 20 active members with a new member class of four during Spring 2023. The focus of the Charge has been recruitment rather than rush, which has led to the resurgence of the Charge.

The Charge is establishing a relationship with the Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation for Autism and they are headed to re-start their Bros UnitedD program, a major service project that led to their being named Chapter of the Year in 2016 and 2017. Additionally, the Charge is continuing to grow its relationship with the Greek life office and other Greek organizations. The improvement in how they are perceived is due to their philanthropy, programming, and recruitment efforts. This has differentiated them from other organizations. While many other Greek organizations are unrecognized, Xi Triton is leading the way for what a "responsible social life" and organization can look like.

Moving past previous judicial sanctions and the constraints of COVID, the Charge has set a positive Growth Mindset and a positive vision for their future. They have committed to Improving and reforming in every way.

Aidan Morgan, Xi Triton '23 the president of the Charge has set personal goals of leading effectively with love and acceptance, being curious without judgment, and remaining unwavering when met with objection and confrontation.

The Charge has set a goal of working towards Chapter of the Year on the Albany Campus and winning the Victory Cup. As a way to achieve these goals, the Charge has committed to understanding and practicing the Ritual in their daily lives.

When asked what it means to be a Xi Triton in Theta Delta Chi, Brother Keith Widas, Xi Triton '24 said, "To be a Theta Delt means to stick up for the little guy, to stand by your morals even when no one is standing behind you, to love those who have sworn to brotherhood and help them through their toughest challenges."

Jake Sanford, Xi Triton '24 responded, "being a Theta Delt to me means building a bond and lifelong relationship with my brothers. We always push each other to strive and want the best for one another, and knowing that I have a great group of guys who will always have my back is an irreplaceable feeling."





SPECTEMUR AGENDO
SHOUTOUTS

Zach Iannacone, Sigma Triton '24 – Penn State Chapter Executive Officer of the Year

Matt Colvell, Xi Triton '24 - Club Lacrosse, Cyber Defense Organization, Digital Forensics Association

Cameron Shaeffer, Xi Triton '25 - Club Lacrosse

Keith Widas, Xi Triton '24 - Club Lacrosse

Zack Silverman, Xi Triton '24 - Epsilon Delta Psi (Pre-Professional Fraternity for Homeland Security)

Alex Rubin, Xi Triton '24 - Beta Alpha Psi (Pre-Professional Fraternity for Accounting)

Aidan Morgan, Xi Triton '23 - UAlbany Outdoors, NYS Writers Institute

EXCEPTIONAL BROTHERS DOING EXCEPTIONAL THINGS:



Fall 1967 courtesy Theta Delta Chi Archives

Harrison Salisbury, Tau Deuteron 1929 (Minnesota) pledged during his freshman year and remained an active member of his Charge throughout his academic career. He was a reporter for the Minnesota Daily newspaper from 1927 until 1930. In 1930 he was the Managing Editor of the Newspaper. He was also involved in two other campus organizations, the Gray Friar Society, which was "A Senior fraternity of honor, interested in the general welfare of the University." He was also a member of Sigma Delta Chi, which later became the Society of Professional Journalists.

After graduating from the University of Minnesota, he became a reporter for the United Press (UP) in various locations around the world and finally landed in Moscow as their correspondent. This led to him joining the foreign staff of the New York Times in 1949 and becoming the Moscow Bureau Chief and a foremost expert on the Soviet Union post-WWII. Eventually, he returned to New York and became the first editor of the New York Times Op-Ed page. In 1973, after leaving the New York Times, he hosted a television series and wrote books and articles. In 1966, after visiting Vietnam, he came out in opposition to the war and took great pressure from the Johnson administration and the hawks in Congress. In 1955 he was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for International Reporting.

His Pulitzer Award reads: "for his distinguished series of articles, 'Russia Re-Viewed,' based on his six years as a Times correspondent in Russia. The perceptive and well-written Salisbury articles made a valuable contribution to the American understanding of what is going on inside Russia. This was principally due to the writer's wide range of subject matter and depth of background plus a number of illuminating photographs which he took."

Brother Salisbury was an Eagle Scout and the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award recipient. He also authored 29 books reflecting his depth of knowledge of both the Soviet Union and China.

For more information about the life of Harrison Salisbury, see his [Wikipedia page](#) or his listing in [Britannica](#) online. For a list of books authored by Bro. Salisbury, see [Thrift Books](#).