



THETA DELTA CHI'S UNDERGRADUATE NEWSLETTER

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

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NEW MEMBERSHIP HANDBOOK



“As the New Member Educator for Upsilon Deuteron, I made the choice to use the 17th edition (of the New Member Handbook), because it focuses on our values. With great excerpts from Rick Wood, and personal experiences from Brian Bertges, showing what it really means to be a Theta Delt. It also quotes old member handbooks, showing that Theta Delt's have always shared the same values. The reflection questions also make the new edition an excellent tool for new member education. As a New Member Educator, I can reflect on the questions and show vulnerability with the New Members and allow them to do the same. This is an excellent way to understand our future brother. This is an excellent tool for teaching and growing our new members into future leaders that all Theta Delt's have the ability to become. Along with not boring them to death over dates and names, and other trivia, we are focusing more on what it really means to be a Theta Delt as New Members prepare to be brothers.” – Carter Bertsch,

Upsilon Deuteron '26

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](#).



Tempe Mission Palms - August 3-6, 2023

The Tempe, Arizona, area provides numerous outdoor and recreational opportunities, including golfing and hiking. The [Tempe Mission Palms](#), the official host hotel for the 176th Annual Convention, features a rooftop, outdoor swimming pool, two jacuzzi spas, courtyard dining, and a fully equipped fitness center.

There is no cost for your two Charge delegates to attend Convention. If you not an undergraduate delegate and still want to go?

Book before **July 2nd, 2023** to get our special convention rate of **\$139/night (normally \$400/night)**. This special rate is available two nights before and one night after the convention for conventioners and guests who want to extend their stay.

While the full slate of activities is still in development, the Convention will feature a welcoming reception, the moving Omega Service, where all Brothers who have passed into the Omega Charge during the past year will be honored, and the always enjoyable Grand Banquet. Remember, you do not need to be an official delegate to attend. Full convention details and registration information will be available soon at TDXConvention.org.

Encourage your alumni to join you for this AMAZING opportunity to renew in union our social joys!



There are over a dozen awards given out annually at Convention. Seven of these awards have open nominations. Below are links to the individual and Charge award applications for the 176th Convention.

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

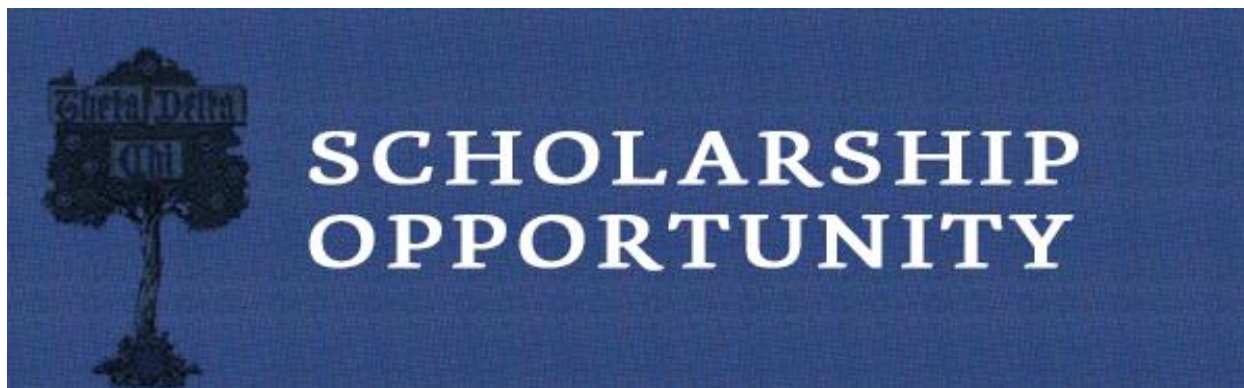
Charge awards include; Bruce R. Trefz Service and Philanthropy Cup, Guy C. Pierce Improvement Cup, Ritual Improvement Cup, President's Cup, and Victory Cup.

The deadline for submissions is July 1st, 2023.

[2023 Individual Award Nomination Form](#)

[2023 Charge Award Nomination Form](#)

Completed forms and requested documentation are to be sent to glstaff@tdx.org.



Please do not miss this opportunity. There are several \$1,847 scholarships available directly from the Educational Foundation and one \$1,000 Porter Scholarship for a science major (chemistry preferred but not required). Additionally, three \$5,000 Davenport Scholarships are available for Juniors and Seniors. Visit tdxscholars.org to start the process. All scholarships use the same application and the same application process. One application covers all three opportunities.

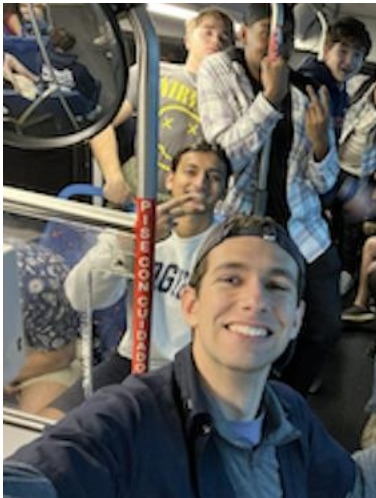
1. Visit tdxscholars.org and fill out the application
2. Submit a cover letter
3. Submit transcripts
4. Ask two people to write letters of support to be sent to cfo@tdx.org
5. Sit back and relax

Please do not let this GREAT opportunity pass you by! Apply today.



After serving in numerous positions for Theta Delta Chi over the past 40 years, Educational Consultant, Dr. Rick Wood, Gamma Triton '73, will be retiring at the end of April. The Director of Charge Operations, John Lowry, Theta Triton '13, will be assuming many of his responsibilities. We wish him well and thank him for his contributions to "the Old Lady," as he moves into this new stage in his life. All inquiries can be directed to jlowry@tdx.org

CHARGE SPOTLIGHT



Nu Charge in Theta Delta Chi is one of the oldest fraternities at the University of Virginia. The Charge was originally established in 1857, just a scant ten (10) years after the founding of the Fraternity at Union College. Unfortunately, it closed in 1859 and the records were lost during the Civil War. In 1873 the Charge was revived and was subsequently closed in 1881. They rose again in 1910 and have continuously existed since then. They have also resided in the same location for over 100 years. The Charge house was designed to match the original Jeffersonian architecture of the grounds with large columns and red brick construction. The Alumni have undertaken an extensive renovation of the house focusing first on the façade and now moving into the interior spaces.

While the Charge is relatively small at only 36 members, with a target of growing to 50 in the near future, they are particularly proud of the number of service hours they have amassed recently placing them in the top tier of all fraternities at UVA. They are currently planning a fund-raiser for the Flutie Foundation having previously participated in one for the Virginia Institute of Autism.

The Brothers have cultivated a very positive reputation as being a safe place for people to come to and have developed a very strong and close brotherhood. They tell a story about a brother who works as a bus driver for the UVA transportation department. This brother will work late night shifts and occasionally misses social gatherings at the Charge house. It is not uncommon that when this happens, and these gatherings wind

down and end, the brothers will go to a nearby bus stop and wait for his bus to arrive, they board it with speakers and proceed to make sure he can at least enjoy the music of the event he missed.

They also found the depth of the bonds of brotherhood recently when a shooting occurred on the grounds. The Charge was in a meeting in the house conducting their November elections when the shooting began. They all retreated to the basement of the house to shelter in place. During the many hours they spent together, they provided aid and comfort to each other during this dark time in their lives. They lived the words of our founders of “a confiding friendship founded on mutual esteem and dependence.”

The Charge has determined to increase its membership. Recruitment can only happen during the Spring term. However, the Charge is implementing 365-day recruitment strategies and working to maintain its positive reputation at the University of Virginia. They are also participating in self-funded renovations to their house to mirror those of the alumni association. The Charge looks forward to life in their Charge house for another 100 years.



Brian Stanmeyer, Nu '24 - Social Committee Member - Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Fraternity

Nate Amtmann, Nu '24 - Supervisor - Intramural-Rec Sports

Griffith Klyne, Nu '26 - Member - Economics Club, Member - Future Business Leaders of America

Kyle Thompson, Nu '23 - Analyst - Profits with a Purpose

Zach Rios, Nu '26 - Teacher's Assistant - Physics Department, Member - Club Wrestling

Basak Gafoor, Nu '24 - Chief of Staff - VA Future Business Leaders of America State Leadership Team

Timothy Langlois, Nu '26 - Guitarist - Loose Leaf Band

Julian Smith, Nu '24 - Member - UVA Rowing Team

Jonah Werbel, Nu '25 - Member - Hillel, Student Board Member - Chabad, Member - Club Swim

EXCEPTIONAL
BROTHERS
DOING
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THINGS:



Raymond M. Hood
Zeta '02
Architect, designer
of Rockefeller Center,
the Tribune Building and
the Century of Progress Building
in Chicago. One of the
"creators of the modern skyscraper."

Raymond M. Hood, Zeta 1902 (Brown)

If you have ever visited Chicago and walked past the [Tribune Tower](#) on Michigan Avenue, or visited New York City and toured [Rockefeller Center](#), the [Daily News Building](#), or the [American Radiator Building](#), you have seen the work of [architect](#) and Theta Delt Raymond Hood, Zeta 1902 (Brown).

Raymond Hood originally enrolled at Brown University where he was initiated into Theta Delta Chi, and later transferred to the MIT School of Architecture before eventually graduating from the Ecole des Beaux-Arts (Paris) in 1911.

As a person, Bro. Hood was deemed to be short in stature, as an American architect he was a towering giant. His mark on the Manhattan skyline is prodigious. He proposed a radical approach to the land-starved congestion of Manhattan by being an early champion of the concept of a "city of towers." According to ArchDaily an Architectural News website: "Hood's first project in New York, the [American Radiator Building](#), was lauded for its use of black brick and its gold-dipped finial. By reducing the size of the building on the lot so it did not abut another buildable site, Hood was able to add more windows to his tower and improve the quality of office space within. The black brick solved the issue of the facade being interrupted by the outlines of windows and the gold accent of the building's apex was a form of architectural advertising without images or slogans." As they further stated, "though he was fond of flourishes, beginning with Gothicism and graduating to Art Deco, Hood's pragmatism made him the ideal choice for metropolitan projects that sought to redefine the scale of civic and corporate architecture in the twentieth century."

Bro. Hood serves as a model for all of us as his work stands the test of time for the improvement of urban architecture, one of the creators of the American Skyscraper and a reimagining of what cities can be.