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Undergraduate Newsletter #1



Welcome back to a new semester and new challenges – this is the first newsletter from the Central Fraternity Office (CFO) for the 2019-2020 academic year.

Ambition in Motion

Believing that Theta Delta Chi is focused on the “improvement of scholarship, leadership and a responsible social life” of its members has led the CFO and the Grand Lodge to develop a partnership with Ambition in Motion (AIM). AIM is a mentorship program aimed at professional development of collegiate scholars. Undergraduate members pay a \$50 deposit that will be refunded once all mentorship program items are completed. Recently, alumni can also sign up for the program for \$99, however this fee is non-refundable. For any alumni interested in participating in the program as a mentor, there is no charge to be a mentor. For more information or to sign up for the Spring, contact [Ambition in Motion](#).



Julian Weller

Staff Updates

You will be seeing a new Charge Consultant coming your way this year. Julian Weller, Mu Triton '19, has been hired to visit all Charges to conduct the annual ROV's. As a former Charge and IFC President, he has skills on organizational leadership that can help you improve and reform. He will also be available to conduct recruitment workshops with your Charge. Julian can be contacted at jweller@tdx.org Check out his [blog](#) on the Theta Delta Chi website.



Richard E. Wood

Rick Wood has been hired as an Educational Consultant to work with Charges in implementing their improvement plans, development of New Member Education Programs and to conduct workshops on your campus. As a professional Educational Consultant and former Executive Director of Theta Delta Chi, Rick can offer a plethora of resources and trainings. If you are interested in having Rick or other staff members come to your Charge, contact John Lowry at jlowry@tdx.org. Rick can also be contacted directly at rwood@tdx.org.

Convention Recap

Missed Convention? No worries! The full Convention recap can be found at our [website](#). You can also view video of the speakers at the Grand Banquet. Brother Tiernan, Chi Triton '99, "[Finding Minerva in All Things.](#)" Brother Alec Avitia, Beta Deuteron '21, "[Lead the Way.](#)" and Brother Halef Gunawan, Beta Deuteron '04, "[A World View.](#)" gave great speeches focusing on the values of the brotherhood and the impact the Old Lady has made in their lives.



Connecting to Our Past



Where does the term, “In the Bonds” (ITB) originate? It may stem from Masonic traditions. Brother Adam McCready, the 62nd PGL, suggests that for masons and brick layers, the term, “to bond” means to cement together, as when creating a wall or barrier. So too, we cement our friendships when using the term in the closing when writing to each other.

The earliest documented use of the term in our organization appears in the Shield Magazine of 1888-89, Vol. 4, No.1, p 195. There may be earlier uses of the term as a closing to correspondence within the brotherhood; however, we were unable to locate them.

To this day, Theta Delt's across all generations use the term, “In the Bonds,” when writing a closing to fellow brothers, subsequently this term has been shortened to “ITB.” If you have not begun to use this in all closings to letters, emails and other correspondence with any brother, please do so. This is just another link in our 172 years of a unique brotherhood.

Preamble 2020

FYI - Preamble this year will be in New Brunswick, NJ over the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday weekend. Stay tuned for more information about the event and registration in October's newsletter.

Future Newsletters

Newsletters will be coming out from the CFO on a monthly basis to all undergraduate members. They are intended to provide a link between the CFO and all undergraduate members with a focus on improved communication and providing an added membership benefit.

ITB,

Dr. Richard Wood
Educational Consultant
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