



THETA DELTA CHI'S UNDERGRADUATE NEWSLETTER

It's a great Day to be a Theta Delt!
December 2020

Preamble Institute 2021



The 2021 Preamble Institute (Pi) will take place on Sunday, January 17th (Sunday of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday). The 2021 Pi will be a one-day virtual event taking place from 1PM-8PM Eastern Time. **Each Charge is required to send at least one delegate.** However, additional delegates are always welcome at no additional cost. The deadline for sign up is January 3rd. If you, or others in your Charge, are interested in attending, please contact your Charge President. Please use the online registration [form](#).

This year's Pi will be a different experience because of the virtual nature of the program. Much more of the experience will be in small group sessions of approximately 8 people. The program will be centered on leading through the words of our Founders, the Preamble.

Preamble Institute is the premier values-added leadership function of Theta Delta Chi. It is recommended that the Charge sends a rising leader!

Click [here](#) to find out more about the Preamble Institute or contact Julian Weller (jweller@tdx.org) or Rick Wood (rwood@tdx.org).

TDX Songs Now online @ MyTdx.org



Thanks to the hard work and initiative taken by Brother Brandon Cain, Xi Deuteron '22, five Theta Delt songs are now online with the musical accompaniment so we can all learn the correct tunes! While some of us can read music, not everyone has learned that skill and thanks to Brother Cain, we don't need to. Please take some time and learn these tunes as we continue to grow our bonds of brotherhood. The words, music and a link to the tunes are on mytdx.org (GreekTrack) (mytdx.org > More > Files > Files Shared by Staff)

Or click this [link](#) to access them on our public site

Or go to [YouTube](#) for the songs and music.

Currently he has provided the music for:

- Invocation
- Theta Delta Chi Doxology
- Love Cannot Die (Joyful we greet you)
- Stars Ablaze
- Dream Girl of Theta Delta Chi

Thanks again Brother Cain!

Charge Resources

Transition Documents

This month we focus on support resources for all Charge officers and chairs. The effective transition of officers and information for Charge operations can often mean the success of the Charge or problems in the future. Transition Manuals, Transition Retreats and Transition Periods are all helpful in making a Charge successful and Victory Cup worthy.

Please look in the files section of mytdx.org (GreekTrack) for several helpful documents to help you out. In the "Files Shared with Members" tab, select the **Sample Transition Manual** folder. Numerous files are available for download labeled by Charge officer type or Chair. These sample manuals are a starting point for each officer to change and adjust to meet the needs of their Charge and Campus.

In the [Public Website folder](#), the **Charge Advisor Support Manual** provides sample agenda for conducting a **Transition Retreat**. Please contact the CFO at rwood@tdx.org for help in accessing or using these documents.

Exceptional Brothers Doing Exceptional Things

Alexander Woolcott



Alexander Woolcott, Psi 1909, was an incredibly colorful character. After graduating from Hamilton College, Brother Woolcott was "an American drama critic and commentator for The New Yorker magazine, a member of the Algonquin Round Table, a veteran of World War I, an occasional actor and playwright, and a prominent radio personality. He was the inspiration for Sheridan Whiteside, the main character in the play (1939) and movie, *The Man Who Came to Dinner* (1942) and Waldo Lydecker in the film *Laura* (1944)."

He was not a particularly good student at Hamilton; however, while there he founded a drama group and edited the student literary magazine. In 1909 he joined the staff of the New York Times and in 1914 was named their drama critic. He held that post until 1922, except for a break when he served in World War I and was considered New York's most prolific drama critics. During World War I, he was selected, with a group of other newspapermen, to create the, *Stars and Stripes*, the American military newspaper which continues today.

Upon returning from World War I, Brother Woolcott became a founding member of what came to be called the *Algonquin Round Table*. This group of men and women met daily for lunch, witty and acerbic conversation and set the tastes for American cultural life for many years to come. He became close friends with many of the literary, musical and celebrity names of his time and was well known for his biting wit and commentary, becoming one of the most quoted men of his generation. He suffered a cerebral hemorrhage and died while participating in a radio broadcast in 1943 at the age of 56. He was cremated and his ashes are interred at Hamilton College.

Notable Quotes:

- I'm tired of hearing it said that democracy doesn't work. Of course it doesn't work. We are supposed to work it.
- There is no such thing in anyone's life as an unimportant day.
- I have no need of your God-damned sympathy. I only wish to be entertained by some of your grosser reminiscences.
- It comes from the likes of you!... Take what you can get! Grab the chances as they come along! Act in hallways! Sing in doorways! Dance in cellars!

Ambition in Motion (AIM)



Ambition in Motion (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. 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](#) or the Director of Charge Operations, jweller@tdx.org.

Newsletter Archives



Current editions of the Undergraduate Newsletter will now be hosted on mytdx.org (GreekTrack) for all members of the Fraternity.