

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

February 2021

## Attention Social Chairs, Risk Managers and Event Planners!



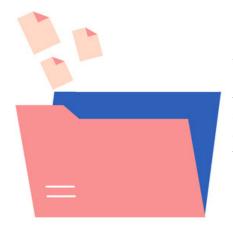
Our insurance carrier, Holmes-Murphy, has provided many resources for the social chairs, risk managers and event planners in your Charge. These resources are in the form of short (10 minute) interactive classes or in some cases interactive planning templates. Because of COVID or at the request of our host institutions, Charges have suspended social events and the processes for safely planning these events may not have been passed down completely or effectively. As we begin to think about moving into a post-COVID college experience, please take advantage of these resources. Click on this link to view the full list of resources OR click on the following items to explore the specific resource you are looking for.

- What constitutes an Event?
- Party Themes
- Building a Guest List
- Contracts and Third-Party Vendors
- How to Implement a BYOB Event
- Event Monitors
- Designated Driver Programs

#### Supporting Your Brother

Our Founders defined friendship within our brotherhood as being honorable and confiding, while it is based on "mutual esteem and dependence". COVID has left many of us with a feeling of loneliness, despair and a desire to connect with others in a meaningful way. Please stay in contact with all of your bothers. Watch for signs of anxiety and detachment. Reach out to and be a listening ear. If needed, help your brother find a professional to talk with and not feel so lonely. Remember, one reason we joined Theta Delta Chi was for the connectedness of a close brotherhood, founded on "mutual esteem and dependence." Live your values during these difficult times. Cling to our secret motto as a source of strength and reach out to Brothers in your Charge and model what it means to be a close friend. If you need support, or know of someone who does, do not hesitate to reach out to the CFO at 800-999-1847 or glstaff@tdx.org. All of our host institutions maintain mental health resources, please use them.

#### What's New in Charge Resources



The Grand Lodge and the CFO have provided two excellent resources for treasurers or those interested in Charge finance. In the files section of mytdx.org, there are two documents for your use in creating a Charge budget. One document outlines a process for the development of a budget, and the other is an interactive worksheet for the creation of a budget. If you have questions on either document please contact the CFO directly at <a href="mailto:glstaff@tdx.org">glstaff@tdx.org</a>. You can also reach out to Educational Consultant Dr. Rick Wood at rwood@tdx.org.

Additionally, mytdx.org has several functions available for all treasurers and executive boards to use in managing expenses and providing direct information on the status of the budget. Using mytdx.org, you are able to track expenses by officer as well as by expense type. If you have any questions please contact Director of Charge Operations, Julian Weller at jweller@tdx.org or Educational Consultant Dr. Rick Wood at rwood@tdx.org. Psi Tetraton has made use of this function and would be happy to share how it was created.

### Valentine's Day

#### Songs

Looking for a great way to celebrate Valentine's Day? Learn to sing Theta Delta

Chi's very own sweetheart song – <u>The Dream Girl of Theta Delta Chi</u>. Thanks to Brother Brandon Cain, Xi

Deuteron '22, the words and music are now online and are available through mytdx.org > Files > Songs. While

you are there, read the story of why and how the songs project came about.



# Exceptional Brothers Doing Exceptional Things

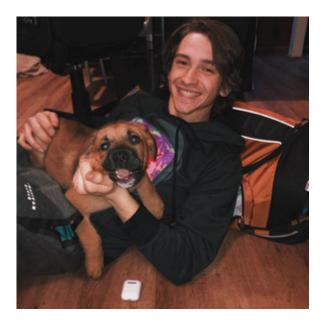
We all celebrate the successes of our Brothers, past and present.



Matt Kocsis, Gamma Deuteron '22, is the past President of his Charge, is the Executive Vice-President of the IFC, and has a long list of accomplishments. While at the University of Michigan, Matt has majored in Business Administration and has a GPA of 3.66. He has been admitted into the Ross School of Business and serves on the Undergraduate Student Advisory Board where he meets with the Dean of the school on a regular basis. Additionally, he served as a Student Academic Advisor and a teaching assistant in the Ross School. His internships include the Kellogg Company in corporate financial planning and analysis; supply chain management with Steelcase Corporation and most recently in audit with the accounting firm of PricewaterhouseCoopers. Most recently he has been named a Carson Scholar, one of only 50 participants and will participate in an institute in Washington, DC meeting with senators, lobbyists

and consultants with a focus on Congress and the legislative process, the structure of the federal courts, the organization of the White House, for the purpose of learning about the intersection of business and the law. He has also been designated a <u>Paton Fellow</u> in the area of accounting. All of this while helping the Charge excel at the University of Michigan and earn the designation as Fraternity Chapter of the Year from the Dean of Students. His focus on scholarship, leadership and a responsible social life are prominently on display.

Another exceptional Brother of note is **Kobe Wright, Psi Deuteron** '22. He became interested in volunteering as a firefighter while in middle school, and by the age of 18, he was a paid firefighter for his home town of lone, California. In that role, he has been contracted out to battle several California Wildfires for CalFire. He continued in this role while at UCLA and joining Theta Delta Chi. Subsequently, he has trained as an EMS Technician and now works for the UCPD in the middle of the current pandemic as a first responder. His career goal is to enter medical school and is also preparing to take the MCAT. He was the President of his Charge and is now the External VP for the IFC. He has done this while working to lead his Charge in a values-based growth resurgence on the UCLA campus. He is a model of living out the values of Theta Delta Chi while demonstrating what it means to add value to his community and living a socially responsible life.





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

If you would like to submit ideas for articles, comment on current articles or submit an article for publication in this newsletter, please contact Dr. Richard "Rick" Wood, Educational Consultant for Theta Delta Chi at <a href="mailto:rwood@tdx.org">rwood@tdx.org</a>.

