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# It's a great Day to be a Theta Delt! November 2021

## **Preamble Institute Is Almost Here**

Planning for the 16th Annual Preamble Institute is well underway for this all-expenses paid leadership retreat. For the past two years COVID-19 has limited engagement in this event to online programming. We are planning for 2022 to be a return to an in-person event January 14-17. Please discuss attendance with your Charge Leadership. Registration and more information will be available in the December Newsletter.

### **DEI SURVEY**

It is important Theta Delta Chi is a fair, just and equitable place for all of our current and future members. The only way that we can assure our actions and policies reflect this vision is with your help. Please assist us in making this vision a reality by encouraging all of your Charge brothers to complete the DEI Survey. Please share this link with all of your Charge brothers. We have until Friday, November 19th to complete the survey.

### **Julian Weller Departs**



For those of you who were unaware, Director of Charge Operations, Julian Weller's last day working for the "Old Lady" was Friday, November 12. During his time with us, he made an indelible mark on the future of the Fraternity. He has a degree in economics and when a company came looking for someone as skilled and knowledgeable as Julian, they made him an offer he could not refuse. Ever the gentleman and devoted Brother of Theta Delta Chi, he convinced his new employer to delay his start date for almost two months to assist with his transition out of the CFO. Julian's contributions will be long lasting. He will continue to be involved with us as he has agreed to serve on the Standing Committee on Legislation. He will be missed by all of his brothers at the CFO and by those he assisted throughout our brotherhood. In his absence, all inquiries should be sent to glstaff@tdx.org. All calls are to be directed to 800-999-1847 ext. 0.

### Founders' Day

During our Founder's Day of Giving, the Educational Foundation raised over \$36,000 for grants, scholarships, leadership programs and support for Charge service projects. There were 150 donors that day. To see the list of donors, click <u>here</u>. Please thank those donors who demonstrated their fidelity to the Fraternity.

The winners of the gift of the \$400 towards ritual equipment are:

- Nu Triton for the largest amount raised
- Sigma Triton for the highest number of donors
- Iota Triton for the largest % of donors compared to Charge's alumni base

Additionally, Tau Triton Charge came out in force to participate in the 18:47 Zoom calls that day to read our Preamble and to discuss what it means to be a Theta Delt. A round of clicks to Brother James Ambrose, Tau Triton '18 for rallying his Charge to join us.

# **Spectemur Agendo Shoutouts**

- David Keen, Rho Proteron '23 IFC President University of South Carolina
- Jesse Nguyen, Rho Proteron '23 IFC VP of Community Equity University of South Carolina
- Ben Kistler, Rho Proteron '24 VP of the Water Polo Club at the University of South Carolina
- Bryan Montano, Rho Proteron '23 Fundraising Chair of the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers at the University of South Carolina

PLEASE contact Rick Wood at <a href="mwood@tdx.org">mwood@tdx.org</a> so we can provide a shoutout to all of our brothers who take on leadership positions outside of your Charge. Student government, leadership roles in other organizations, leadership positions on sports teams, editor of your school newspaper or any other leadership role. This feature is meant to provide a shoutout to everyone who is stepping forward to add value to their community.

# **Charge Spotlight**

We are adding another new feature to the monthly newsletter. We tend to know a great deal about our own Charge; however, knowledge of other Charges can be rather limited. In an effort to increase our knowledge and grow our brotherhood based on "mutual esteem and dependence," a different Charge will be highlighted each month. We are turning our spotlight on **Rho Proteron Charge at the University of South Carolina** this month.

The Rho Charge was initially established at the University of South Carolina in 1859. The records of the Charge have disappeared and are presumed to have perished during the Civil War as all of the brothers left school to enlist in the army. There were no recorded initiates at the time. In 1869, the Rho Charge was established at Washington and Lee University and closed in 1872. In 2008, the Charge at the University of South Carolina was reestablished and given the name Rho Proteron, signifying the first or original Rho Charge, proteron meaning prior or before. Interestingly, the Charge displays a Theta Delt flag, featuring our letters with a Phoenix rising in the background signifying their "rise from the ashes" after an approximate 150-year dormancy. Rho Proteron, since its re-chartering, has made positive contributions to the USC campus.

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Rho Proteron does not have a Charge house, yet has a very strong and engaged brotherhood.

Towards the first half of the academic year, the Rho Proteron Charge received a violation notice for hosting a recruitment event over the allowed COVID-19 gathering guidelines. The Charge took this as an opportunity to learn from the event, and requested a recruitment workshop from the Central Fraternity Office. During this workshop the Charge learned how to recruit with purpose not just events. The Charge ending up initiating their largest new member class in history, 22 members leading to a membership of 65 men. These men embraced the belief that while pardoning the faults of each, we are endeavoring to improve and reform.

One of their favorite philanthropy projects is Pelt-a-Theta-Delt where they raise money by charging people to throw water balloons at them. They also hold executive positions on their IFC and have set a goal of attaining an 80+ member Charge and to gain an even stronger reputation on their campus.

### **Exceptional Brothers Doing Exceptional Things**



Veteran's Day is November 11. In recognition of the members of Theta Delta Chi who have served in the armed forces we are highlighting **Major General Boniface Campbell, Eta 1917**. Among Brother Campbell's assignments was service as professor of military science and tactics at what was Arkansas State College from 1936-38. He was Commanding Officer of the 98th Infantry Division (1942-1944) during WWII and was named Commanding General Artillery, IX Corps in 1945. During his illustrious career with the U.S. Army, Brother Campbell was made commander of the V Corp stationed in Europe during the Cold War. During that time, he

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gained experience with counterintelligence and in 1953 was stationed at Fort Holabird in Baltimore, Maryland as commandant and Chief of the Counter Intelligence Corps. During this time, Fort Holabird was the U.S. Army Intelligence School and Counter Intelligence Records Facility. While as commandant, Brother Campbell distinguished himself with his leadership ability and in 1957 was awarded a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster in Lieu of a Second Award of the Legion of Merit for, "exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services to the Government of the United States from November 1945 to December 1956."

On November 6, 2021, Major General Boniface Campbell was inducted into the ROTC Hall of Heroes at Arkansas State University.

Among his awards and decorations are two Legions of Merit, the Order of Ulchi with Gold Star (Korea), the National Defense Service Medal, WWI Victory Medal, American Defense Service Medal, American Campaign Medal, WWII Victory Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with two bronze service stars, Army of Occupation Medal with Germany Clasp, Philippine Independence Ribbon, and the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with two bronze service stars.

Brother Campbell retired from the U.S. Army in 1956 and entered Omega in 1988 at the age of 92. He and his wife are interred at Arlington National Cemetery.

As Theta Delts we salute the service Brother Campbell rendered to the United States. We also salute all of our brothers who served their country.



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