

Undergraduate Newsletter – October 2022

Today is a GREAT day to be a Theta Delt



THINKING ABOUT YOUR RESUME

It is never too early to begin to think about your resume. According to career coaching expert Ken Coleman, you only get less than **7.5 seconds** to grab a hiring manager's attention with your resume. Better make the most of it. Harvard resume experts note that your resume has a better chance of getting noticed if you use strong, actionable, and confident verbs.

The two words to avoid are "responsible for . . .," these two words are a weak and generic way to describe your abilities and accomplishments. Mr. Coleman's article on using 35 power verbs to increase the likelihood of your resume rising to the top can be found <u>here</u>.



CHARTERING BALLOT

The ballot to ratify the Chartering of Omicron Triton at the University of Rhode Island is in your Charge President's mailbox. Please make sure to act on this, as the deadline for submission is November 2, 2022. If approved, the Chartering, initiation of members, and installation of officers will happen at the University of Rhode Island on November 12 and 13, 2022.

GENDER INCLUSIVE MEMBERSHIP

At the 2022 Convention in Schenectady, New York, a Bylaws amendment was approved to allow Theta Deuteron (MIT) to have gender-inclusive recruitment and membership. The ballots were sent out, and a 75% majority vote for approval of all active Charges was necessary for the amendment to be approved. The balloting results showed there was not enough support for the amendment to be approved, with only 69% backing the proposed amendment to allow gender-inclusive recruitment and membership at the Theta Deuteron Charge. Since the measure did not meet the 75% threshold, the amendment was NOT approved. The current Constitution and Bylaws are available on mytdx.org and tdx.org.



MyTDX.org

MyTDX.org is a multipurpose membership portal. Among things you can do it:

- Send group emails, newsletters, and text messages
- Store important Charge documents such as Charge minutes, Charge Bylaws, Charge budget, Risk Management Plan, and New Member Education plans
- Bill active Brothers and collect Charge dues through the portal
- Manage membership information and brother profiles
- Track Charge history
- Numerous guides and documents are available in the FILES section to help with Charge operations.

Interested in a general walk-through, looking for a particular piece of information, need to learn how to send a newsletter to your alumni, or have any other questions about MyTDX, contact Rick Wood at rwood@mytdx.org.

An Undergraduate user guide can be found by clicking here.



175th MILESTONE CHALLENGE

Remember, October 31, 2022, marks the 175th anniversary of the founding of Theta Delta Chi. Please join Theta Delts from around the US and Canada in marking this anniversary by participating in the 175th Milestone Challenge. Make this a Charge Challenge! For more information on the Challenge and to sign up, click <u>here</u>.



RECITATION AND DISCUSSION OF THE PREAMBLE

Another way to participate in honoring our founders is to recite and reflect on their words, the Preamble of our Constitution. Please join other Theta Delts as we recite and reflect on the Preamble during one of four Zoom calls. As in years past, we will assemble via Zoom at 18:47 military time in your local time zone. The Zoom links are below:

- 6:47 pm Eastern Time
- <u>6:47 pm Central Time</u>
- 6:47 pm Mountain Time
- <u>6:47 pm Pacific Time</u>



SPECTEMUR AGENDO

- Connor Sykes, Mu Triton '23: Recipient of the Betsy Umstead Scholarship for recognition of hard work and high GPA within the School of Health and Human Sciences.
- Kevin Dominguez, Mu Triton '22: Paid internship at the Winston Salem Arts Council, where he worked directly with his major in business administration with a concentration in management.
- Felipe Andrade-Vega, Mu Triton '24: Head officer of the Spartan Orientation Staff responsible for guiding new students through their first year at UNCG. One out of 25 students were selected from thousands of applicants.
- Christian Mendoza-Angeles, Mu Triton '22: Studied in Belgium and other parts of Europe for two weeks in gaining experience in his major, International Business.
- Juan Valle Mu Triton '25: Selected as Co-chair of Fundraising for ALPFA (Association of Latino Professionals for America), one of the largest clubs on campus.
- Xzaviar Smith, Mu Triton '25: Member of the black student union organization where he is helping host the Brown Bag Lunch event where lunch is made and passed out to the homeless in the community.



CHARGE SPOTLIGHT

Mu Triton Charge at the University of North Carolina Greensboro was Chartered on March 27, 1999. The Charge is currently 25 brothers strong, and they boast some well-deserved accolades. Most recently, they won the Intramural Soccer Championship for Fall 2022, beating out all other Greek organizations that are much larger than themselves and are in the finals with a second team playing in a different intramural division. This fall saw the Charge in the Intramural Football Championship Finals, along with finals for the 2022 Intramural Basketball Championship.

They also conduct two week-long philanthropies during the year. The fall philanthropy is for an organization they volunteer for, a husky dog rescue called the Singing Dog Farm. This farm currently houses 25 huskies. The Charge also does a week-long fundraiser in the Spring for the Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation for Autism. If that isn't enough, they will be partnering with Kappa Phi Lambda, an Asian-interest sorority on their campus.

Not only is the Charge membership one of the most diverse fraternities on the campus, but they have also committed to doing outreach to other Greek organizations in the Multi-cultural Greek Council and other non-Greek organizations on the campus. This has become a goal for the Charge as they seek to break down the stereotypical image of Greek organizations.

The average GPA of the members of Mu Triton was last reported as 3.1, which is an improvement over the past several years. They have committed to doing all-brother study sessions at the library regularly and additional study sessions for brothers in the same field and major. This commitment to the "improvement of the intellectual being" should increase their average GPA.

Their outreach to groups beyond the Greek community should also result in improved recruitment and is an excellent example of recruitment over rush as a method of growth. This goal of participating in the broader campus community saw the Charge being selected as only one of three different groups to participate in the Chopped style "<u>Battle of the Chefs</u>" on the UNC Greensboro Campus. The only fraternity on the campus selected to participate.



Mu Triton volunteering at the Singing Dog Farm



Brothers celebrating winning the 2022 Intramural Soccer Championship



Bid Day/Date Night



EXCEPTIONAL BROTHERS DOING EXCEPTIONAL THINGS

Willard H. Dow, Gamma Deuteron 1919, might not be a household name, but his work product is used by millions of people around the world. Brother Dow, Was the Chairman of the Dow Chemical Corporation from 1930-1947. As the Harvard Business School recorded in its Great American Business Leaders of the 20th Century, "Dow grew the company his father had founded through acquisitions and mergers. He acquired a 75% interest in Midland Ammonia in 1930, partnered with Ethyl Gas in 1933, joined with Cleveland-Cliffs Iron in 1935, and acquired the Great Western Electro-Chemical Company also in 1935. By the time of his death, Dow Chemical manufactured 500 products, all built on a base of brine, employed 14,000 people, and had assets of \$250 million."

Bro. Dow was born in 1897, the same year his father founded Dow Chemical Company. After graduating from the University of Michigan, entered the family business and became president of the company at the age of 33. During WWII, rubber was in very short supply. Bro. Dow provided the know-how for the creation and production of synthetic rubber to support the war effort. The development and production of plastics was also a major development that supported the war effort for decades to come.

During his time at the University of Michigan, Willard Dow belonged to numerous organizations, including the Alchemists Society, a member of Pi Delta Epsilon (honorary Fraternity in Journalism) and the Alpha Chi Sigma Fraternity (professional fraternity specializing in chemistry).

The chemistry building at the University of Michigan is named after Willard H. Dow.

We salute Bro. Dow's contributions to the field of chemistry, his contributions to the defense of the free world during WW II, and the honor he brings to all Theta Delts.



University Of Michigan, 1919 Michiganensian, courtesy, Bentley Historical Library



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