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In order to improve efficiency of operations provide a timelier response to our members, the mailing address of the Delta Theta Phi International Office is changing to 1611 S. Utica Avenue, #262 Tulsa, OK 74104-4909. Please use this address on all future correspondence to the fraternity.

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Chancellor's Message



To My Brothers and Sisters: s we end another biennium, I am writing this as my last message to you as Chancellor. Words cannot express what an honor and a privilege it has been to hold the office of Chancellor for the last four years. Attending my first Delta Theta Phi Convention in 1997, in Cleveland, I told myself that one day I would love to be Chancellor of this magnificent Fraternity; however, to be elected and hold office for two terms has been an unimaginable attainment for me.

Chancellor Jodie Justiss-Dinsmore

I have great gratitude for all the Past Chancellors and for the duties they performed and accomplishments they achieved as Chancellor. I want to especially thank Past Chancellor Jackowski, as she was the two-term trail blazer that inspired me. Additionally, I am grateful to have had the opportunity to work and serve with all of you, Past Chancellors, Supreme Court, Supreme Senate, and Alumni and Student Members. I want to thank you all for all that you do for Delta Theta Phi and for your assistance and support.

I am extremely optimistic about the future of our great Fraternity, and you should be too! We survived the COVID biennium, including the resulting decrease in social interaction and economic downturn, and have been working hard to rebuild and expand our Student Senate Member base and the level of Alumni Senate activity. Each Supreme Senate and Supreme Court Member and Executive Director that has served alongside me brought a determined work ethic to overcome the significant challenges we faced and to keep up with ever changing circumstances. I could not have asked for a more dedicated group.

The advancements that we made to transform the Fraternity's productivity have allowed us to continue to accomplish our mission "To foster lifelong friendships and professional affiliations through legal education, international networking, and mutual respect." I encourage you to utilize the member management platform to stay connected with your DTP Brothers and Sisters.

In memorandum, we have honored the memory of our Brothers and Sisters that have passed before us. Each one of them made the world a better place during their lifetime. I would be remiss if I did not mention during my terms we mourned the loss of our beloved Supreme Court Associate Justice Joe Spurlock in June of 2020, Past Chancellor Ken Burns in December 2021, and Past Chancellor Ed Pugh in March of 2023. Let us not forget the tireless efforts they extended and the meaningful and lasting legacies each left.

In closing, I look forward to seeing you in person at our 63rd Biennial Convention and Leadership Conference in Plano, Texas—August 3-6, 2023. Once again, I want to express my gratitude for allowing me to serve as your Chancellor from 2021-2023. This has been a true and distinct honor to have attained the highest office of the Fraternity and one I could not have imagined would be bestowed upon me.

Sincerely and Fraternally Yours, Iodie

What's On the Agenda For Plano?



2023 CONVENTION AGENDA

Wednesday, August 2nd

1:00 PM	Supreme Senate Meeting			
3:00 PM	Audit Budget Finance Committee			
	Meeting			
6:30 PM	Pinstack (informal gathering)			
Thursday, August 3rd				
11:00 AM	OFFICIAL REGISTRATION			
	BEGINS			
1:00 PM	Student Delegate Orientation			
2:00 PM	Opening Ceremony & Ritual of			
	the International Senate			
4:30 PM	Committee Meetings			
6:00 PM	Welcome Reception			
Friday, Aug	gust 4th			
8:00 AM	Continental Breakfast			
9:00 AM	Professional Sesssion			
11:45 AM	Past Chancellors' Luncheon			
1:15 PM	Committee Meetings			
3:30 PM	Student Oral Advocacy—			
	Thomas Competition			
6:00 PM	Legacy Food Hall & Concert			
	(off-site)			

Saturday, August 5th

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8:00 AM	Continental Breakfast			
9:00 AM	Business Session – Thomas			
	Competition Finals;			
	Presentation of Resolutions			
11:45 AM	Leadership Luncheon			
1:30 PM	M Business Session—Committee			
	Reports; Election of Supreme			
	Senate & Supreme Court			
4:00 PM	Closing Ceremonies & Installation			
	of New Supreme Senate			
6:00 PM	Chancellor's Ball & Casino Night			
Sunday, August 6th				
9:00AM	Meeting of New Supreme Senate			
Departure of Delegates				

SPONSORING STUDENT DELEGATES FOR THE 2023 CONVENTION

Although the fraternity covers transportation and lodging costs for student voting delegates attending biennial conventions, each student senate must cover the registration costs for its voting delegate and all expenses for other non-voting delegates that attend. In prior conventions, students have not been able to attend because the registration fee was simply too much for the Senate or one of its students to cover.

The Supreme Senate invites any alumni member interested in sponsoring a specific student, a student

senate, or donating to student delegate sponsorship fund to reach out directly to Executive Director Penney Edgar at executivedirector@deltathetaphi. org. Any amount that you can contribute will be greatly appreciated by our student members attending their very first DTP convention!!

Sponsorship funds will be allocated to requesting senates on a first-come, first-serve basis, so Student Senate Deans should reach out to Executive Director Edgar as soon as possible if they need to request donations towards this year's convention registration fee. The 63nd Biennial Convention & Leadership Conference

Student Voting Delegates

ach student senate is required to send a voting delegate to the convention. For that delegate, the fraternity will cover the cost of lodging, not including incidentals, and reimburse transportation costs up to \$350. Each senate will need to cover the convention registration fee for their voting delegate and any transportation costs above the designated amount, unless the additional amount is approved by the Convention Committee prior to convention. Registration costs cover most meals. For any additional non-voting students, the

student or their senate would need to cover all registration, lodging, and transportation costs.

Student senates should contact Executive Director Penney Edgar as soon as possible for additional details about registration, lodging and transportation. The fraternity will arrange lodging for each student.

Dress attire for convention is business casual, and the Chancellor's Ball is the Great Gatsby Casino Night. Remember to bring business attire if you plan to get head shots taken with the convention photographer.

Running For The Supreme Senate

One of the most important items on the agenda for this year's convention is the election of new officers to serve for the next biennium. The Supreme Senate is made up of nine officers, which includes seven alumni positions and two student positions. This group will be charged with conducting the business of the fraternity and performing the duties of their office in accordance with the Delta Theta Phi Constitution for the next two years.

Any member interested in running for office will have plenty of opportunities to network with the student and alumni delegates during convention activities and in the hospitality suite. Be sure to talk with the other delegates about what your senate has been doing in the last year and work to find those delegates that will "stand up" for you during elections.

If you would like to run for an office, please submit your resume to the Executive Director, at executivedirector@deltathetaphi.org. Any resumes received by August 1st will be included in the



electronic materials that each delegate receives at registration. Resumes received after that date will be handed out as received to the voting delegates.

Good luck to all of the candidates!

Student Awards At Convention

Student delegates attending the convention may be considered for any the following convention awards:

WILLIAM H. THOMAS AWARD FOR ORAL ADVOCACY

This award is presented to the student delegates who, in making their reports at the biennial convention, demonstrate the highest excellence in oral advocacy. They are judged upon the overall effectiveness of their five minute presentations, including outlook, logic, and matters of significance to the Fraternity, both locally and internationally. There are cash awards for first, second, and third place who are selected by a special committee appointed by the Chancellor at convention. All student delegates must make a short report for official records.

JOSEPH M. PERRY, JR. AWARD FOR PARLIAMENTARY ADVOCACY

This award was established by a trust endowed in memory of Margaret Depp Benzinger and managed by the Delta Theta Phi Foundation. It provides awards at the biennial conventions to students who best exemplify the art of oral advocacy in the parliamentary proceedings. Student delegates are observed throughout the course of the convention for their advocacy skills.

ROBERT J. COLE, JR. SCHOLARSHIP

The Robert Cole Scholarship, established in 2003 by a gift of Mrs. Robert L. (Frances) Cole, Jr., is awarded to that student delegate that exhibits those professional qualities demanded by the fraternity as described in the Delta Theta Phi Constitution, Ritual of Initiation, and those expected by current and future colleagues in the practice of law and its related fields. A committee comprised of one Past Chancellor, the current Chancellor, and current Master Scholar shall observe and inquire about delegate behavior including dress, speech, demonstration of respect, and general behavior in general assembly, workshops, and social situations throughout the duration of the convention. There is no need to apply for this award. Every voting and non-voting student delegate to the biennial convention is automatically eligible.

And, don't forget the *"You Know Why!"* Award! If you don't know that that means, then you'll just have to come to Plano to figure it out.

Preparing For the Thomas Competition

During convention, all student delegates will automatically be entered into the William H. Thomas Oral Advocacy Competition. They will give a five-minute pre-



Dominique Ditmore, (Taft Senate) participating in the finals of the Thomas Competition, 2021 convention in Tulsa

sentation reporting on their senate. Each delegate may prepare packets to supplement their presentation, but this is not a requirement. Prior competition winners have been successful whether they prepared additional information or just gave a speech.

The competition will run in two phases where winners will be selected based on who is the best advocate for their senate, not on which senate has done the most. During the first phase, each delegate will give their presentation in a smaller room for an alumni panel and only a few students. The winners will advance to the second phase and make a presentation to the entire International Senate. The three best presenters will be awarded a cash prize.

Although students will have some time during convention to put together their presentations, each should come to Plano with a basic idea or plan for their speech. Be sure to start writing down what your senate accomplished this year, what makes your senate special, and why you love being a Delt. And, feel free to reach out to the members of the Supreme Senate if you have any questions about the competition.

We are really looking forward to hearing from everyone at this year's convention!

Submission of Constitutional Amendments

The Constitution for Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity, International, requires that any proposed constitutional amendments to be considered at any regular or special session be submitted to the Master of Rolls at least sixty days prior to the session. Therefore, the deadline for submitting any proposed constitutional amendments to be considered during the 63rd Biennial Convention and Leadership Conference in Plano should be submitted to Master of Rolls Jeremy Wann, at masterofrolls@deltathetaphi.org, by June 6, 2023.

To Our Rising Stars

ach convention, student delegates are recognized for their efforts and participation in various facets of the convention. Congratulations to this year's recipients for the various awards and scholarships.

The William H. Thomas Award for Oral Advocacy is presented to the student delegate who demonstrates the highest excellence in oral advocacy in delivering his or her senate's reports. Students are judged on the overall effectiveness of their presentation, including outlook, logic, and matters of significance to the Fraternity, both locally and internationally.

1ST PLACE	Jacqueline Delahunty, Day Senate
2ND PLACE	Rume Diamreyan, Egly Senate
3rd Place	Dominique Ditmore, Taft Senate
4th Place	Devon Graham-Aiyash, Warren Senate
(TIE)	Niccolle Johnson, Vines Senate

The Joseph M. Perry, Jr. Award for Parliamentary Advocacy was established by a trust endowed in the memory of Margaret Depp Benzinger and managed by the Delta Theta Phi Foundation. It provides an award to students who best exemplify the art of oral advocacy in the parliamentary proceedings during the convention. Students ar e observed throughout the convention for their parliamentary knowledge and advocacy skills. This year's winners of this year's Perry Competition are as follows.

1ST PLACEDominique Ditmore, Taft Senate2ND PLACERume Diamreyan, Egly Senate3RD PLACERaven Francomano, Larkin Senate

The Robert J. Cole Scholarship, established in 2003 by a gift from Mrs. Robert L. (Frances) Cole, is award to the student delegate that exhibits those professional qualities demanded by the fraternity as described in the Delta Theta Phi Constitution, Ritual of Initiation, and the professionalism expected by current and future colleagues in the practice of law and related fields. There were three recipients of the Cole Scholarship at the 2021 convention.

- Rachel Susany, Day Senate
- Mary Lauren Granade, Vines Senate
- James Bissett, Gavin Senate

Congratulations

ach year, the Supreme Senate of Delta Theta Phi presents award to students, alumni, faculty, the student senates, and various noteworthy events held throughout the year. Nominations are accepted from all members, and submissions are made to the Executive Director. Due to the pandemic, and the special challenges it presented this past biennium, Regional awards were also considered and included for recognition. Below is the list of award winners for 2019–2020 and 2020–2021.

Most Outstanding Student in the Nation

• Raven Francomano, Larkin Senate

Most Outstanding Student in the Region

- Ashley Pruitt, Bell Senate (MS)
- Nathan Martin, Best Senate (CA)
- Jacqueline Delahunty, Day Senate (OH)
- Chris Diaguila, Ryan Senate (MN)

Most Outstanding Alumnus in the Nation

2019–2020Shelley Henderson (Lawless Senate)2020–2021Teresa Marie (Larkin Senate)

Most Outstanding Faculty Advisor in the Nation

• Dwight Duncan (Larkin Senate)

Most Outstanding Senate in the Nation

2019-2020	Lawless Senate, Trinity Law School

2020–2021 Larkin Senate, University of Massachusetts

Most Outstanding Senate in the Region

- McClellan Senate, University of Arkansas (Little Rock)
- McComb Senate, Southwestern Law School
- Taft Senate, University of Toledo
- Ryan Senate, University of St Thomas School of Law (MN)

Most Outstanding Professional Program in the Nation

• *Implicit Bias Training* Larkin Senate, University of Massachusetts

Most Outstanding Networking Event in the Nation

• *"Anything But Cups" Happy Hour* Larkin Senate, University of Massachusetts



Special Thanks

A special thanks to all those whose generous donations helped make the 2021 Biennial Convention a huge success. We could not have done it without your support.

> Past Chancellor James Baine Master of Rolls Amy Goodman Past Chancellor Julie Jackowski Past Chancellor Larry Meyer Supreme Court Justice Paul Nuccio Past Chancellor Jack Owens Past Chancellor Jack Owens Past Chancellor Dudley Ryan Past Chancellor Greg Wohlenberg Marshal Jeremy Wann Vice-Chancellor Robert Witt Metro Detroit Alumni Senate Delta Theta Phi Foundation, Inc.

Most Outstanding Reactivation

• Day Senate, Case Western Reserve University

Most Improved Senate in the Nation

- 2019–2020 Park Senate, Abraham Lincoln University
 2020–2021 McComb Senate, Southwestern Law
- School



HELP US REACH OUT TO YOUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS!

Do you know colleagues, former classmates or friends who have not heard from the Fraternity? Let them know Delta Theta Phi can be found on online at the official website www.deltathetaphi.org, LinkedIn and Facebook.

As a member organization, we are only as good as the information we have for our members. **Do we have your preferred contact information, including your most recent mailing and email addresses?**



2021-2022 / 2022-2023 Award Nominations

ow that we are almost done with the second semester, it is time to start thinking about awards for those outstanding members of your individual Senates and for your outstanding Senates, for the last two years, to be presented at this year's convention in Tulsa. Listed below are the awards that your members and Senate are eligible for (but recommendations and nominations for additional awards will be accepted):

Student of the Year Alumnus of the Year Student Senate of the Year Alumni Senate of the Year **Best Professor in the Nation Regional Student of the Year Regional Senate of the Year Outstanding New Senate** Academic Program of the Year **Professional Program of the Year Outstanding Reactivation of the Year** Most Creative Program Award Networking Event of the Year Charitable Event of the Year **Regional Academic Program of the Year Regional Professional Program of the Year Regional Outstanding Reactivation of the Year Regional Charitable Event of the Year**



Nominations must include a short narrative of the event or student/senate accomplishments. Flyers, advertisements, event pamphlets and photos are appreciated. Nomination packages should be submitted to Penney Edgar at ExecutiveDirector@deltathetaphi.org no later than **June 1, 2023**.

Delta Theta Phi Scholarship Key

In addition to the annual awards, any member of the Fraternity in good standing may earn a Scholarship Certificate and the right to wear the Delta Theta Phi Scholarship Key if he/she:

- Has received an LL.B. or J.D. degree and has attained an average scholarship standing during his/her entire law course among the highest 15 percent of all the members of his/her graduating class; or
- Has completed his/her 2L year and has attained an average scholarship standing up to and including his/her junior year among the highest 7 1/2 percent of all the members of his/her class, or;
- ➤ Is a 3L with a G.P.A. of 3.00 or better, or letter grade of "B" or better, or other numerical equivalent as determined by his/her law school.

Members wishing to apply for the Scholarship Certificate and/or Key should contact the Master Scholar (at masterscholar@deltathetaphi.org) for the appropriate form. A certificate is ordered for all who meet or exceed the above-referenced requirements and is suitable for framing. The scholarship key is available "at cost" to the member, currently a cost of approximately \$65.



Remembering Brother Edgar W. Pugh, Jr. May 26, 1944 – March 25, 2023

dgar W. Pugh Jr. was born on May 26, 1944, to Claire (Jacques) and Edgar Pugh. He grew up in Birmingham, Michigan, and attended Seaholm High School. Ed went to college at Michigan State University, where he reunited with Sharon Merritt, who had been in his homeroom at Seaholm. They were married in 1966, shortly before earning their degrees. Ed then followed in his father's footsteps by attending Wayne State University Law School; he took

classes at night and worked at Detroit Bank and Trust by day. After graduating in 1971, he joined his father's law practice, which then took the name Pugh, Moehlman and Pugh.

Ed also worked to enrich his community. He enthusiastically joined countless organizations dedicated to the public good, and nearly always ended up leading them. He was chair of the Oakland County Bar Association Probate Committee, chair of the State Bar of Michigan's Master Lawyer Section, Federation Chief of Indian Princesses, president of the Beverly Hills Village Council, president of the Birmingham Optimist Club, chancellor of Delta Theta Phi International Law Fraternity,



Edgar W. Pugh, Jr.

and president of Birmingham Next. He also was a board member for many years of Lighthouse of Oakland County, the Birmingham Family YMCA, and New Horizons, and a member of the Financial and Estate Planning Council of Metro Detroit.

As a lawyer, he liked helping clients more than he liked sending out bills, and he did whatever he could to provide assistance where it was needed. Ed was proud that both of his daughters became lawyers as well: Diana joined him in practice in 1998, and the firm

was thereafter known as Pugh Moak, P.C.; Deborah is an appellate public defender in Chicago.

Ed loved hunting the mean deer in West Branch, and posting photos of the kind and friendly deer in Beverly Hills, where he made his home with Sharon for the last 52 years. He enjoyed golfing, gardening, reading ebooks from the public library, and building enormous beach fires at the house in Charlevoix, which was in the family for 50 years. And of course he liked to pass on bad jokes. Once he made a friend, he was a friend for life: he kept in touch with classmates from Quarton Elementary, and his closest friends were from his first years as a lawyer and his years on Village Council.

Remembering Brother Kenneth Harold Burns

enneth Harold Burns passed away on December 6, 2021 in Nacogdoches, Texas at the age of 92. He was born on July 6, 1929 in Rockford, Illinois. He was the eldest son of Harry and Gladys (Rasmussen) Burns. He married Laura Mae Howe in 1951 and remained married until her passing in 2009.

Survived by his loving family which includes his three daughters, Coni Hodgson and her husband Doug,



Kenneth Harold Burns

Pamela Lanagan and Lori Burns. Also included are his grandchildren, Kaci Johnson and her husband Seth, Ryan Lanagan and Jeremiah Faecke. Additionally, Ken has two greatgrandchildren, Jameson and Gemma Johnson. Of his one sister and four brothers, he leaves behind two brothers, Russell Burns and wife Lola, and Charles Burns and wife Cathy.

Ken graduated from Leland High School in Leland, Illinois. He attended Trinity University and St. Mary's Law School in San Antonio, Texas. He earned a Doctor of Jurisprudence Degree.

Ken served in the US Naval Reserve, as well as the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. He was an Assistant Attorney General of Texas under Attorney General Will Wilson. He served as Administrative Assistant to Congressman John Dowdy of Athens, Texas. He served as Special Assistant to President Lyndon B. Johnson. While in Washington, D.C., he served as Special Assistant to the Chairman of the Federal Maritime Commission which included being the Solicitor in all federal maritime cases.

After leaving Washington, Ken and his family moved to Houston, Texas where he opened a successful private law practice. Ken was very active in raising money for numerous charities and served on the board of several organizations, such as the Arthritis Foundation, the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, the Lung Association, the Heart Association, the Alice Sneed West Foundation and the Delta Theta Phi Law Foundation, where he founded and funded up to 20 scholarships at various US law schools.

He was President and co-founder of the Texas Breakfast Club in Washington, DC, and a member of the Sam Houston State University's President's Advisory Board. He was President of Houston's Chapter of the Audubon Society and President of the Robertson Colony-Salado College Foundation.

A memorial service was held in Nacogdoches, Texas at the First United Methodist Church on Monday, December 27th at 2 pm.

In Memoriam

Brother Andrew "Andy" Douglas

B rother Andrew "Andy" Douglas (Taft Senate, 1958) passed away peacefully at his home in Dublin, Ohio on September 23, 2021.

Brother Douglas served as a 1st Lieutenant in the 1st Infantry Division—the "Big Red One"—and the Army Signal Corps. He was a 1960 graduate of the University of Toledo College of Law and began his law career in Toledo in the Law Office of Eugene Winchester, where he soon became a partner. In 1961, he was elected to the Toledo City Council, where he served

for 19 years and becoming known as the "Dean"

of Toledo City Council. In 1980 he was elected to

the Sixth District Court of Appeals of Ohio which

comprised 8 counties in Northwest Ohio. In 1984,

Andrew "Andy" Douglas

Brother Douglas was elected to the Ohio Supreme Court and served for 3 consecutive 6 –year terms. One of his hobbies was being a pitcher on the Supreme Court softball team, where he played for 15 years.

Upon his retirement from the bench, Justice Douglas continued to practice law and in 2004 became the executive director of the Ohio Civil Service Employees Association, which represents state employees. He also served on the Board of Block Communications, Inc. Brother Douglas

practiced law until his passing.

Andy is survived by his wife Sue, his 4 children, 8 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren. Brother Douglas lived his life being able to say each night, "Today, I helped someone." Truly, words to live by.

The Purpose of Delta Theta Phi

"... to perpetuate in every member of this Fraternity, the application of the highest standards of personal integrity, diligence, candor and trust, of individual responsibility, of respect for law, rights, and property of others and the highest ethical and professional standards of conduct in the study, practice, and teaching of the law"



DTPTakesTulsa

Memories from the 2021 Convention and Leadership Conference

ulsa Oklahoma was the home to the 62nd Biennial Convention on August 5th to the 7th this year.

The 62nd Biennial Convention was held in Tulsa, Oklahoma from August 5th–7th. The meeting of the International Senate yielded two Constitutional Amendments, multiple Resolutions, and a new slate of officers of the Fraternity.

For those who arrived early for the convention, a presentation and reception was held Wednesday evening at the Greenwood Cultural Center in the Greenwood District near downtown Tulsa. Greenwood was the site of the Black Wall Street Massacre which occurred 100 years ago. The presentation was given by Michelle Brown-Burdex, program-coordinator of the center.

Thursday morning, Loyst P. Fletcher, Esq. presented a Virtual CLE "Navigating the Employment Law Landscape in the Midst of COVID-19," and Official Registration for the convention began.

On Thursday afternoon, students attended a Delegate

Orientation presentation, followed by the introduction of the Supreme Senate, Past Chancellors, and attending Supreme Court justices. An initiation was held for new members, immediately followed by the Opening Ceremony & Ritual of



Dinner at Mexicali's and went out as teams on a Scavenger Hunt in downtown Tulsa, Greenwood District dinner, business sessions and then a Blast from the Past – Totally 80's Murder Mystery Chancellor's Ball.

the International Senate, officially starting the Convention. The Supreme Senate then presented their officer reports to the convention body. Afterwards, the various delegates joined their committees for break-out sessions. Back Row: Past Chancellor "Rock Star" Dudley Ryan, Associate Justice, "Magnum PI" Kevan Wong, Past Chancellor Bob Leone, Past Chancellor "Rocker" Greg Wolenberg, Associate Justice Paul Nuccio, Past Chancellor Larry Meyer, Master Alumnus Ryan Alcorn. Front Row: Past Chancellor "Pee Wee Herman" Jeff Schwartz and Chancellor "Totally Rad" Jodie Justiss-Dinsmore!!

On Friday, Master Scholar Shelley Henderson presented a seminar on networking, and Past Chancellor Larry Meyer and Master of Rolls Amy Goodman presented on mastering recruitment.

Annual Awards were presented at the Past Chancellor's Luncheon, and afterwards, the committees reconvened. The first round of the Thomas Competition was also held.

The evening concluded with an off-site dinner and Scavenger Hunt to foster team building among the delegates.

Saturday saw the finals for the Thomas Competition, presentation of resolutions and committee reports, the Leadership Luncheon, and election of a new Supreme Court and Supreme Senate. The official Convention concluded with the installation of the new Supreme Senate and Supreme Court, followed by the Closing Ceremonies.

The Chancellor's Ball was held Saturday evening to start the next biennium off on a high note.



While the convention was in session, you could look out the windows and see them filming the Killers of the Flower Moon movie. Rumor is, that Leonardo DiCaprio stayed in the same hotel near our Hospitality Suite!

Chancellor Jodie Justiss-Dinsmore Awarded Gold Medallion

t the 62nd Biennial Convention, the International Senate of Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity awarded Chancellor Jodie Justiss-Dinsmore the Gold Medallion for her outstanding and extraordinary service to the Fraternity.

As a member of Delta Theta Phi for 26 years, Chancellor Jodie Justiss-Dinsmore has held multiple leadership positions in the Fraternity, including Vice-Chancellor, Master of Rolls, Master Inspector, and Marshal. She was also Dean of the Gavin Senate at the University of Tulsa College of Law.

The past biennium, she has served the Fraternity as Chancellor and has been elected to a second term as Chancellor to continuing leading the work



of upgrading the Fraternity's virtual presence and social footprint and guiding us through the recent pandemic.

Chancellor Jodie Justiss-Dinsmore is married with one daughter and works in the energy field as General Counsel. Memories from the 2021 Convention and Leadership Conference

2021-2023 Delta Theta Phi Supreme Senate

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MASTER ALUMNUS Ryan Alcorn (Miami, AZ)

MARSHAL Mihaela Blidarescu (Los Angeles, CA)

MASTER LIAISON Jacqueline Delahunty (Cleveland, OH)

MASTER LIAISON Joanna Calderon (Whittier, CA)

Special Appointments

As one of her first official acts as Chancellor Jodie Justiss-Dinsmore appointed several outstanding student members to serve alongside the Supreme Senate and Supreme Court during this biennium.

- Rachel Susany Day Senate
- Gina Gutierrez Best Senate
- James Bissett Gavin Senate
- Dominique Ditmore Taft Senate
- Gabrielle Brizel Prince Kuhio Senate
- Raven Francomano Larkin Senate



Chancellor Jodie Justiss-Dinsmore announcing the finalists of the competitions and special appointments at the 2021 convention.



2021–2023 Supreme Court

CHIEF JUSTICE Hon. Ralph J. (Rocky) Perk Cleveland, OH

ASSOCIATE JUSTICE Paul Nuccio Brooklyn, NY

ASSOCIATE JUSTICE Kevan Wong Honolulu, HI ASSOCIATE JUSTICE Carrie Morris Terrell, TX

Meet Your Supreme Senate

With each addition of *The Paperbook*, we will provide an introduction to several of the current officers in the Supreme Senate. Look for more information on other officers in future editions.

Brothers and Sisters,

s we close out another biennium, I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve our great organization. The last time I wrote to all of you, I did so as our Master Alumnus, I want to congratulate Brother Ryan Alcorn on a suc-



Master of Rolls Jeremy Wann

cessful biennium in that position. As your current Master of Rolls it is my responsibility to keep good records of our membership and I'm pleased to say that our membership database provides us with the ability to search our membership records. We are continuously updating the database and looking for ways to improve it so that it is as user-friendly as possible. We are also always looking for input, so PLEASE do not hesitate to reach out to myself or any of the Supreme Senate with ideas, suggestions, or criticisms about our digital services.

I hope that I get the opportunity to meet many of you at our convention in Plano, TX August 3–6, 2023. We have a lot of exciting things planned and, as always, look forward to reconnecting with old friends and making new connections as we conduct the business of our great fraternity.

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Fraternally, Jeremy Wann

Brothers and Sisters,

y name is Amy Goodman, and I am honored to serve as Vice Chancellor of the Supreme Senate of Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity for the 63rd Biennium of this great Fraternity.



Vice Chancellor

Amy Goodman

I joined DTP as a student member in 2009 as a member of the

R.C. Bryan Senate at Campbell University School of Law. In addition to serving as the Vice Dean of the Bryan Senate, I was also the student office assistant for the DTP National Office for several years prior to graduation. After law school, I served part-time as the Director of Student Relations before joining the Supreme Senate in 2015. I served as the Master Alumnus, Master Inspector, and Master of Rolls before being elected Vice Chancellor by the delegates at the biennial convention in Tulsa in 2021.

In accordance with our Constitution, the Vice Chancellor is the ritualist and the historian of the Fraternity responsible for supervising all the ritualistic work of the Fraternity and the instruction of initiates in the history, constitution, laws, ritual, traditions and usages of the Fraternity, and serving as the custodian of the ritual and secret work of the Fraternity, as well as being further responsible for compiling chapters covering the history of the Fraternity, from time to time. The Vice Chancellor is also responsible for examining the qualifications of all proposed members. In case of disability or incapacity of the Chancellor, the Vice Chancellor shall act as Chancellor.

As the Vice Chancellor, I am also tasked with planning the 63rd Biennial Convention and Leadership Conference from August 3–6, 2023. The Convention Committee has been hard at work planning and preparing for the 2023 convention in Plano, Texas. We had a lot of fun in Tulsa in 2021 and our goal is to make sure we have as much fun, if not more in 2023!

I know it is has been a strange couple of years for everyone, and we have all had to make adjustments as we moved through a global pandemic. My prayers go out to those that have lost loved ones during this time. Please continue to take care of yourselves and those you love. I look forward to a better time when we can safely be together. And, I hope that everyone that can will join us at the convention in August 2023.

Fraternally, Amy Goodman

STUDENT SENATE NEWS

Gavin Senate Acting Student Dean: James Bissett

n 2021, during the biennial Convention in the same city L as my law school, Tulsa, Oklahoma, I was extremely fortunate to have the opportunity to be inducted into the Delta Theta Phi Fraternity. I joined alongside my "Pledge Sister" and our Executive Director, also local to the Tulsa area, Penney Edgar. In the short time I have been a member of Delta Theta Phi, I have expanded my professional network beyond what I could have ever imagined, improved my oral and written communication skills, and made

lifelong friendships. I am very grateful and excited to be part of an organization built on supporting law students, as well as fellow Brothers and Sisters, on our personal and professional paths through life.

On Thursday, September 2, Penney and I set up a Delta Theta Phi booth at The University of Tulsa College of Law Student Organization Fair. We had a bright green tablecloth along with some printouts



Student Dean, James Bissett—Gavin Senate recruiting new members on campus at The University of Tulsa campus.

of the history of our Fraternity. Likewise, we had copies of *The* Adelphia Law Journal and other Delta-themed clothing and memorabilia to decorate our table. We chatted with students about the benefits and opportunities that lie in joining our Fraternity. We have since followed up via email to students who expressed interest and gave us their contact information. On October 11, we will hold an informational luncheon open to the entire law school. This will be a great forum for students to come grab a slice of pizza, learn more about the advantages and great value in Delta Theta Phi, and fill out their application for student membership.

Once enough students have agreed to join, we will officially become a re-activated student organization on the campus of The University of Tulsa, and Gavin Senate will be back up and running. We will then hold initiation for the new students as well as elections. I look forward to restoring Gavin Senate as a student organization in good health before my hopeful graduation from law school this December.

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The submission of articles is an open, ongoing process. Articles or notes may be submitted for review at any time by emailing Adelphia@deltathetaphi.org.

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You are invited to send us information on your recent accomplishment, your practice, your student or alumni senate events, or other article of interest for one of our upcoming issue and newsletters. To submit material, contact Executive Director Penney Edgar at ExecutiveDirector@deltathetaphi.org.

We look forward to hearing from you!



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