



— PHI DELTA THETA

# Become the Greatest Version of Yourself

A College-Bound Guide to Achieving Your Dreams



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## Now You're College Bound

You navigated your way through the college applications process. The acceptance letters rolled in. You finally know where you're headed. Inside you burns a fire. Dreams of doing great things. Visions of making a difference. Ideas that need to be tested.

College is truly the first big decision of your life. You own this one. It's up to you to make it count.

Are you ready to make the most of this once in a lifetime opportunity?

Something drew you to the college or university you chose.

Maybe, your mom or dad went there, or a brother or sister. Maybe the school offers an excellent program for the career you want to pursue. Maybe the school has an incredible sports tradition, or maybe it's where one of your closest friends is attending, too.

There may have been lots of reasons that influenced your selection, but you realize it's down to you, your dreams and your determination. Point your compass to the passions that drive you.

### Who We Are:

- Founded in Oxford, Ohio in 1848
- International collegiate fraternity
- Serving 13,000 undergraduate and 175,000 alumni members
- 190 chapters at leading public and private colleges
- 100 alumni chapters
- \$225,000 in scholarships awarded annually
- 3,000 undergraduates receive leadership training annually
- Average chapter size—70 members
- Over 1,000 alumni volunteers

# About Phi Delta Theta

## Founded

December 26, 1848 at Miami University.

## Cardinal Principles

Friendship, Sound Learning, and Rectitude.

## Mission Statement

The cultivation of friendship among its members, the acquirement individually of a degree of mental culture, and the attainment personally of a high standard of morality.

## Key Stats

- First fraternity to implement alcohol-free housing
- \$1.03 million raised through philanthropic partner: The Live Like Lou Foundation (ALS)
- \$245,000 in annual scholarships
- 281,000 initiates since 1848
- First fraternity to award scholarships for first-generation college students: \$250,000 provided for 2021–22

## Famous Phis



**Benjamin Harrison**  
23rd US President



**Neil Armstrong**  
First Man on the Moon



**Lou Gehrig**  
MLB Hall of Famer



**Frank Lloyd Wright**  
World-Renowned Architect



**Jeff Weiner**  
CEO, LinkedIn



**Brian Niccol**  
CEO, Chipotle



**Drew Houston**  
Founder/CEO, Dropbox

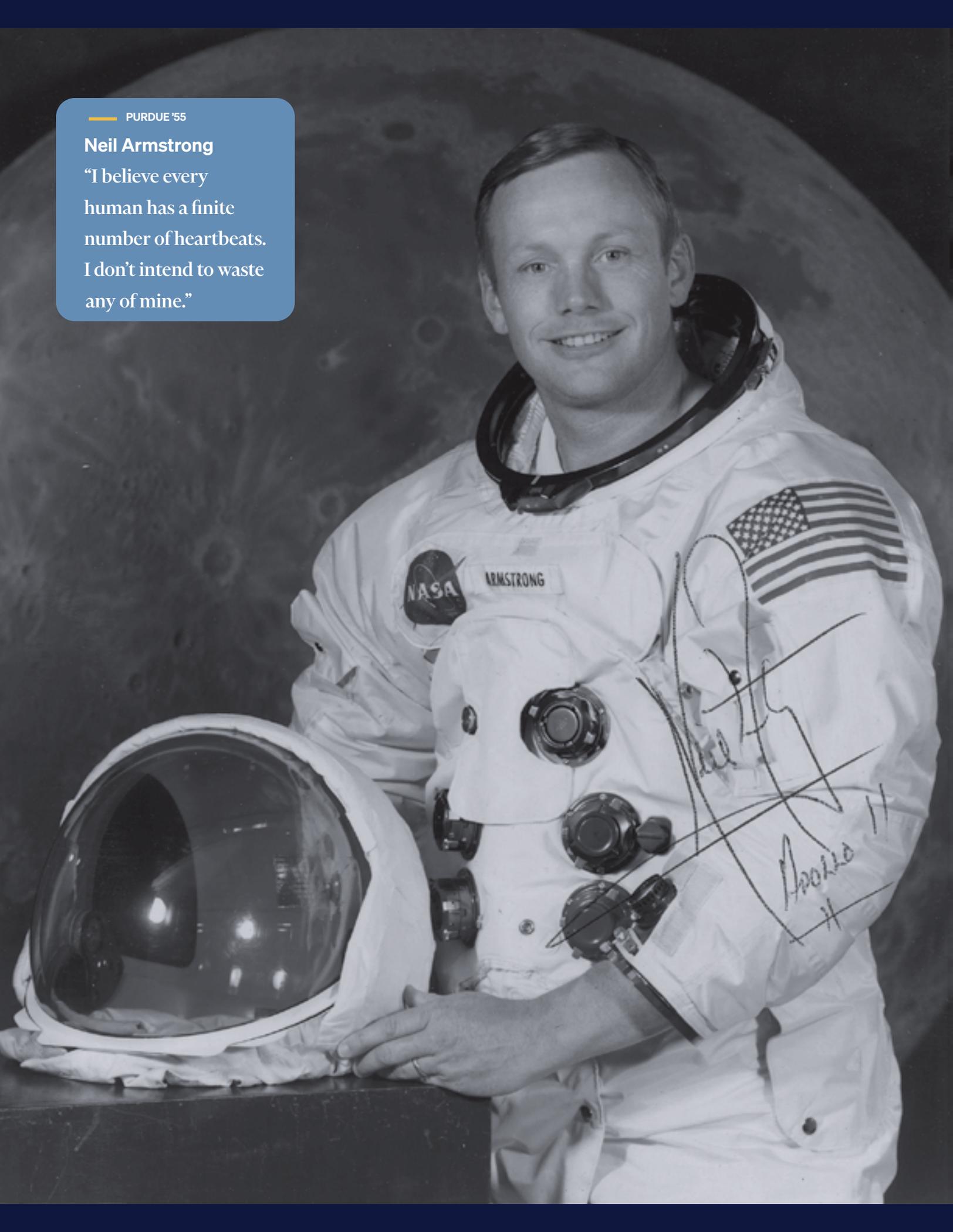


**Adam Silver**  
NBA Commissioner

PURDUE '55

## Neil Armstrong

“I believe every human has a finite number of heartbeats. I don’t intend to waste any of mine.”





## Don't Rush into a Big Decision

You're going to meet lots of people in college. Classes, work-study, sports events, and living in the dorms all offer opportunities to make friends.

Another opportunity to consider is the fraternities on campus. The first few weeks of school are when many fraternities and sororities actively recruit members. It's a good time to learn if Greek life is a good fit for you. But don't feel rushed. Our fraternity, Phi Delta Theta, recruits year-round. We like to take our time in finding men who want to discover the greatness within themselves.

You've hung around guys your entire life. Friends can impact you; friends can distract you. How do you know if a fraternity is right for you? How will you know if an organization like Phi Delta Theta will help you achieve your dreams?

We think it comes down to this: You need to stand for something.

Your values will likely grow and evolve throughout your college experience. And your values matter. Because every decision you make toward becoming the person you envision will be based on your values.

At this time in your life, you need room to test your values. Learn to understand and appreciate others whose values may be different than yours. Putting your values to work will strengthen you and what you stand for.

### Who We Are:

Phi Deltas have a tradition of service, doing great things and taking on tough issues. Phi Deltas have been Olympians, CEOs of *Fortune 500* corporations, US senators, governors, and even the President of the United States. Pulitzer Prize-winning writers, NASA astronauts, Supreme Court justices, Hall of Fame professional athletes, Academy Award-winning actors, and much more.

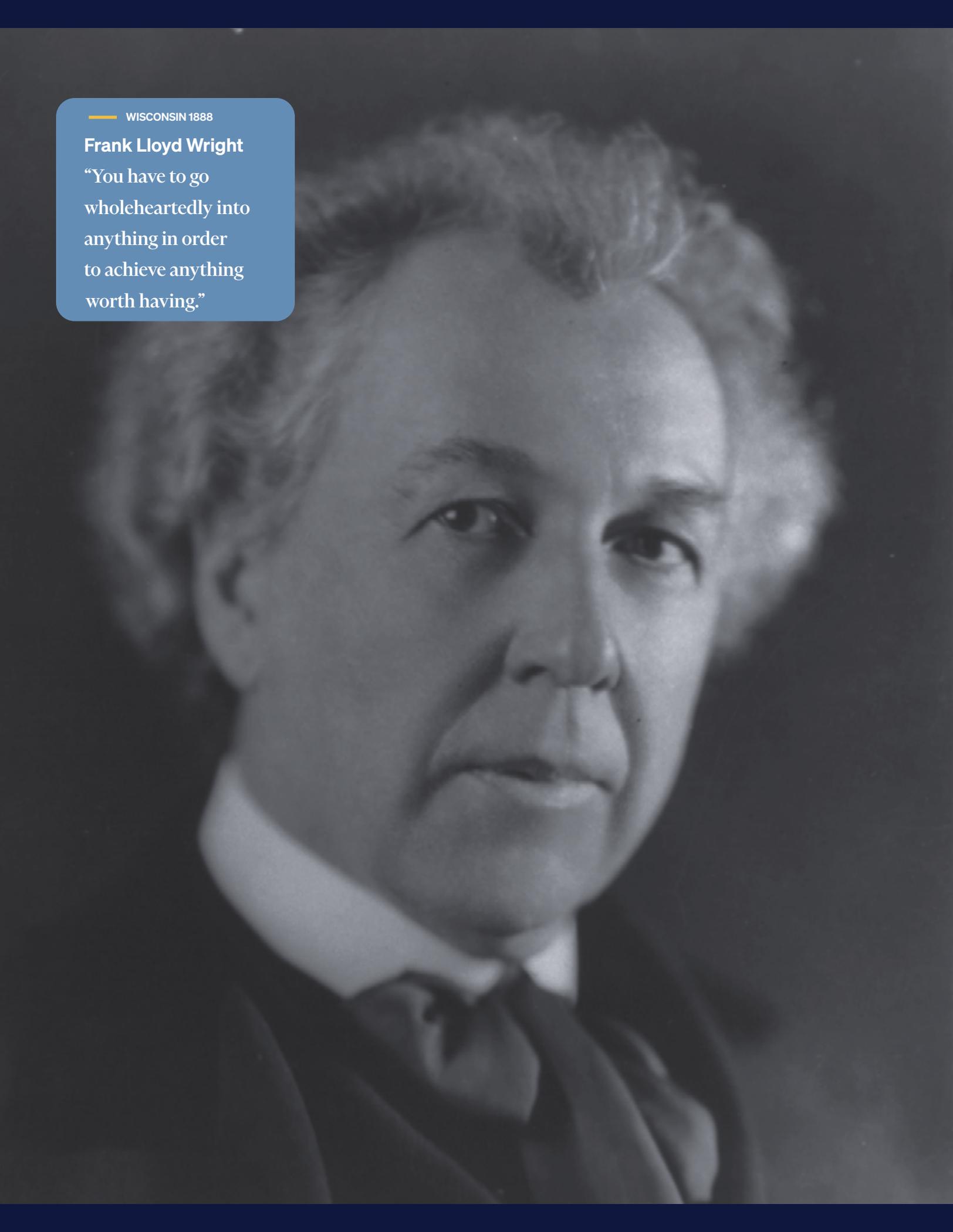
### Famous Phis

- J.W. Marriott  
(Founder, Marriot Hotels)
- Bob Schieffer  
(News Anchor)
- Mark Hurd (CEO, Oracle)
- Trey Wingo (ESPN)
- Burt Reynolds (Actor)
- Wes Welker  
(Houston Texans Coach)
- James Baker  
(Former Secretary of State)

WISCONSIN 1888

**Frank Lloyd Wright**

“You have to go  
wholeheartedly into  
anything in order  
to achieve anything  
worth having.”





## Reach Higher

Job number one is to achieve academic excellence. Excellent grades, combined with internships and other college experiences, will lead to bigger and better career opportunities in the years ahead.

To support you, each Phi Delta Theta chapter encourages consistent and efficient study habits, study groups, and quiet study time. Our brothers are known for achieving among the highest GPAs on campus.

But **we want you to reach higher** than that.

Giving back is the DNA of Phi Deltas. We've learned that the most successful people make a habit of serving their community and standing up for those who can't stand for themselves. Challenging yourself in small ways now will prepare you for the really big challenges that lie ahead.

It's in the spirit of fellow Phi Deltas, Neil Armstrong, Frank Lloyd Wright, and Lou Gehrig to which Phi Deltas aspire and serve with humility and grace.



## Work Hard. Have Fun.

College is not all books. Whatever you love to do, it's likely that your college offers the opportunity to explore it and share it with others.

Phi Delta Theta brothers are active in sports, in fun events involving other fraternities and sororities, and in participating in all aspects of college life. It's part of our equation to living well, and living by your values. How you play and being open to trying new things is every bit as important as studying hard and getting good grades.



## Prepare for Greatness

We believe that each of our members will discover his individual greatness. It may be discovered in ways such as...

- Inventing a life-saving product
- Directing a groundbreaking movie
- Supporting a spouse who is fighting a life threatening disease
- Putting your life on the line in service of your country or community
- Helping a young person struggling at home and in school
- Eschewing a job on Wall Street to start a poverty-fighting non-profit
- Voting on a controversial bill that you know will jeopardize your chances of being re-elected

As a Phi Delt, we want to be prepared for those moments in life when the test of your character will be at its zenith. That's why joining our fraternity is more than a four-year commitment.

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## Parents, Get involved

You want to see your son get great grades, graduate and get a good job.

We want to see your son become an incredible contributor to society. An ethical leader. An innovator. Someone who's active in building his community. A trusted, loving spouse. An awesome dad. A reliable friend. A good, all-around guy who's respected for his thoughtfulness and kindness. Someone who stands up for what he believes.

Joining our fraternity is not a light decision. We seek academic excellence, and a commitment of time and energy toward building our chapter and participating in community service. Your son also will be expected to financially contribute through membership dues, which goes toward the programs provided to your son through our local chapter and national organization.

At Phi Delta Theta, we know that greatness lies in the flame that burns in your son. We will do everything in our power to fuel that fire and prepare him to take on the opportunities and challenges that lie before him with grit, grace and humility.



## Become the Greatest Version of Yourself

We are a values-based fraternity that emphasizes academic excellence, fellowship, community service, and the development of a moral compass. Phi Deltas welcome and seek all men who desire to achieve greatness.

Allow Phi Delta Theta to help you become the **Greatest Version of Yourself**. To learn more about Phi Delta Theta, visit us at [phideltatheta.org](https://phideltatheta.org). We'll help you connect with one of our existing chapters or help you and other like-minded students start a Phi Delta Theta chapter at the college or university you are attending. Phi Delta Theta is top ranked for academics. Many Phi Deltas have been selected to join a number of academic and professional honor societies.



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