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Hello 2020 Inductees,

First, I hope this message finds you well.

We find ourselves in a moment that is unprecedented for us in the 21st century but if we turn to literature we will see that our predecessors have encountered similar situations. That of course, does not ease the malaise of looking out our windows and seeing pastoral views of how the sunlight casts itself upon birds in flight, and the foliage flourishes beyond our view.

However, as inductees into Sigma Tau Delta you will quickly discover that writing your stories and reading the writings of those who have encountered uncertainty will bring you joy and begin to answer the unanswerable questions that occupy your minds. I remember my induction into Sigma Tau Delta and it was one of the happiest moments of my life because it marked my commitment to pursuing a life of the mind. Of course, I am human and I too would rather “check out” and “veg out.” Yet, I am quickly reminded of the pastoral poetry of Frost, Thoreau and Whitman and how their works are moments of meditation. The writings of Baldwin, Wheatley, and Morrison remind me to take my gifts and channel them into the power of prose. Perhaps, someone will consider them and take action to bring about change and equality.

My hope for all of you is that you find the time to use your experience to write your story and create art that empowers and transcends the liminality of our human condition.

Best,

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