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BIG ANNOUNCEMENT

We're excited to share a major step forward in expanding the visibility of Phi Delta Chi. As part of a new outreach initiative, the Fraternity has officially entered the world of outdoor advertising.

If you find yourself near Ann Arbor, Michigan—the home of our founding—keep an eye out along I-94. You may spot something new: a Phi Delta Chi billboard proudly showcasing our letters to thousands of commuters each day.

This pilot effort is part of a broader conversation around increasing public awareness of our organization and the impact of pharmacy professionals nationwide. Depending on engagement and feedback, similar placements could be considered in other regions in the future.

Be sure to snap a photo if you see it and share it with your chapter or on social media!





BLOOD DRIVE AT GRAND COUNCIL

This year, we're excited to introduce a new way to give back during Grand Council. For the first time, Phi Delta Chi will be partnering with the **American Red Cross** to host a blood drive during the conference.

Blood donation is a simple yet powerful way to make a difference. The United States is currently facing a critical blood shortage, and each donation can help save multiple lives. By participating, Brothers will have the opportunity to support patients in need while representing the spirit of service that defines our Brotherhood.

 **Location:** Galt House Hotel – Holly Room

 **Date:** Thursday, July 30, 2026

 **Time:** 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Scheduling an appointment ahead of time is encouraged, as it helps maintain a steady flow of donors and prevents long wait times. However, walk-ups will absolutely be welcome throughout the day, and same-day appointments may be available if openings remain. Our goal is to fill all **42 available donation appointments**, helping us make a meaningful impact together.

To make the process even smoother, the Red Cross offers a [RapidPass](#), which allows donors to complete the required health questionnaire online or through the Red Cross Blood Donor app up to one day before their donation. Completing a RapidPass can significantly speed up the check-in process, and donors will receive more information about it when they register for an appointment.

If you're able, please consider signing up using the link below and taking a moment during Grand Council to give back in a life-saving way. Together, we can make a real difference. ❤️

[Sign up today!](#)



🌟 ENHANCE THE ALUMNI EXPERIENCE 🌟

We are committed to providing meaningful, impactful programs and opportunities for our alumni, and your feedback is essential to that mission. By taking a few minutes to complete this survey, you will help us better understand what's working well, identify areas for improvement, and focus our efforts where they matter most to you. Your insights will directly shape future alumni initiatives and ensure the Phi Delta Chi alumni experience continues to grow and evolve.

Thank you for sharing your perspective and helping us build a stronger, more connected Brotherhood.

[Alumni Needs Survey 2026](#)



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GRAND COUNCIL 2026

Registration is now open for the [77th Grand Council](#), taking place **July 29th – August 1st, 2026**, at the Galt House Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky. Be sure to take advantage of early bird registration, available through **June 19**. Late registration will be open from June 20 through July 19.

Conference Registration Rates:

- **Collegiate:** \$325 early | \$350 late
- **Alumni:** \$375 early | \$400 late
- **Alumni Weekend:** \$325 early | \$350 late
- **Guest:** \$250 early | \$275 late
- **Guest Weekend:** \$235 early | \$260 late
- **Banquet Only:** \$100

Looking to commemorate your Grand Council experience with new Phi Delta Chi apparel? We've got you covered! This year, we are excited to offer two official Grand Council T-shirt designs, courtesy of Delta Delta ([option 1](#)) and Gamma Eta ([option 2](#)). Pre-orders are due by **June 30th**, so don't miss out!



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THE TONY CHAFFEE NATIONWIDE TRAVEL FUND

The Executive Council of Phi Delta Chi has created a National Travel Grant for collegiate Brothers wishing to attend a Phi Delta Chi conference. This form is for submissions seeking grant funding for Grand Council 2026, to be held in Louisville, KY (July 29 - August 1, 2026). Collegiate Brothers wishing to apply must submit an essay as described below.

- Essay and Submission Guidelines:
 - Prompt: In 500 words or fewer, how will attending Grand Council 2026 develop you as a person, as a future pharmacist, and as a Brother?
 - Inclusion Criteria:
 - You must have completed registration for Grand Council (registration status will be verified on April 30, 2026).
 - You must be present at Grand Council to receive the award.
 - Grading Specifics:
 - All submissions will be screened using artificial intelligence essay detection tools prior to grading.
 - All submissions will be graded blindly to ensure fairness and prevent bias from name and Chapter recognition.
 - **Submission Deadline: April 30, 2026 11:59pm ET**
- Award Breakdown: One winner will receive \$500, and two runner-ups will each receive \$250. Awards will be presented at the Banquet Awards Ceremony at the end of Grand Council.

[Apply Here](#)



BROTHERHOOD FROM COAST TO COAST

- **Michigan Alumni Chapter Meeting:**
 Brothers located in Michigan, as well as members of Alpha Eta, Alpha Xi, and Alpha Chapters, are invited to attend the upcoming Michigan Alumni Chapter meeting on Saturday, April 4 at 1:30 PM at Ford’s Garage in Novi. Attendees are encouraged to invite fellow Brothers. Please RSVP to Dena Behm Dillon (Alpha Alumni, Nu Co-Advisor) at 319-360-0502. We hope to see you there.
- **HIV NAPLEX Review Session:**
 An HIV-focused NAPLEX review session will be offered on Tuesday, June 2 from 6:00–8:00 PM. The session will be available both virtually via Zoom and in person at the University of Iowa College of Pharmacy. Please save the date and stay tuned for a formal announcement, including registration details.



GLIMMERS

At the 2026 CPhA Award Ceremony, several Brothers were recognized for their outstanding contributions to the profession of pharmacy:

- **Bowl of Hygeia:** Ralph Saroyan, RPh – Alpha Psi
- **Pharmacist of the Year:** Dr. Maria Lopez, PharmD, AAHIVP – Zeta
- **New Practitioner of the Year:** Dr. Mary Ngo, PharmD, BCMTMS – Delta Epsilon
- **Excellence in Innovation:** Dr. Parth Parikh, PharmD – Omicron
- **Student Pharmacist of the Year:** Janna Mozannar, PharmD Candidate 2026 – Delta Mu

In addition, Richard Dang (Omicron) was honored nationally with the APhA 2026 Good Government Pharmacist-of-the-Year Award.



Brother Ralph Saroyan (left), Brother Janna Mozannar (right)

Reflecting on Service and Impact

When asked what receiving the Bowl of Hygeia Award meant to him, Brother Ralph Saroyan shared that the recognition came as a surprise. While honored, he emphasized that the true reward has always been witnessing the growth of the students he has mentored as they become impactful leaders in their own right.

Looking back on his career, Brother Saroyan credited Phi Delta Chi as a defining influence. Joining the Fraternity early in his academic journey opened doors to countless opportunities—from leadership roles within Phi Delta Chi to serving as the University of the Pacific’s first Director of Pharmacy Student Guidance and establishing its inaugural Preceptor Intern Program. His decades of service to the Fraternity, including roles such as Western Regional Director, Grand Vice President of Collegiate Affairs, and Grand President, helped shape both his professional path and his lasting impact on the profession.

He also reflected on one of the greatest challenges during his time as Grand President: preparing for the Fraternity’s Centennial amid leadership transitions and financial uncertainty. He attributed the successful outcome to the commitment and resilience of the Grand Officers, exemplifying Phi Delta Chi’s core values of *Alterum Alterius Auxilio Eget* (AAAE).

For younger Brothers, his advice was simple yet powerful: say yes to opportunities for growth, even when you may not feel fully prepared. Trust that the support and values of Phi Delta Chi will help guide you through any challenge.

A Student Perspective

Reflecting on receiving the Student Pharmacist of the Year award, Brother Janna Mozannar shared that the recognition is especially meaningful when considering how intentionally her journey began. From early in pharmacy school, she sought to go beyond her experience in community pharmacy by exploring the clinical impact pharmacists can have, while also recognizing the barriers facing the profession.

This awareness led her to pursue research, present at conferences, and engage in advocacy through organizations such as CPhA and APhA, where she grew into leadership roles. Throughout her time in pharmacy school, she led over 50 events focused on service, advocacy, and education, attended numerous conferences, and helped organize a large student-led conference connecting pharmacy students across Southern California.

She credits Phi Delta Chi as a cornerstone of her experience, providing mentorship, lifelong friendships, and a strong professional network. Embracing the Fraternity's motto, she emphasized the importance of uplifting others and the lasting impact of that support.

For younger Brothers, her advice echoes a similar theme: be intentional, say yes to opportunities, and embrace both successes and challenges as opportunities for growth. She noted that achievements she once thought were out of reach—including multiple honors and matching into her top-choice residency—became possible through persistence and dedication.

She expressed gratitude for the recognition and looks forward to continuing to support her Chapter, Delta Mu, and the Fraternity as she transitions into alumni status.

Congratulations to all of our Brothers who were recognized—your dedication, leadership, and service continue to elevate the profession of pharmacy.



Brotherhood Highlights in *The Communicator*

In the upcoming edition of *The Communicator*—we are excited to highlight the many special moments taking place across our chapters. Whether it's an initiation, a successful event, recruitment efforts, graduations, collaborations with other chapters, recognition of chapter advisors, or any achievement you're proud of, we want to feature it.

Alumni—this includes you!

We would love to celebrate your milestones as well. If you have photos from a recent CE presentation, a professional accomplishment (within or beyond pharmacy), or a personal life moment such as a wedding, new baby, or other meaningful milestone, please share them with us.

Big or small, professional or personal, we look forward to showcasing what our Brothers are accomplishing and highlighting the many ways Phi Delta Chi continues to make an impact.

If you have any questions or prefer to submit your photos via email, please contact Project Director for *The Communicator*, Adrian Quezada Gonzalez (pdtc@phideltachi.org) or Grand Vice President for Communications, Samantha Marion (gvpc@phideltachi.org).

[Submit Here!](#)



Final Chance to Nominate: Schlegel Leadership Development Award



Pharmacy Leadership & Education Institute



Thanks to the generosity of Alpha Psi alumnus Jack Schlegel and his wife, Priscilla, PLEI established the Schlegel Leadership Development Award to recognize collegiate Brothers of $\Phi\Delta X$ who demonstrate exceptional leadership potential in the pharmacy profession. The award includes a \$1,000 honorarium and is open to collegiate Brothers who are concluding their final professional year of study in 2026.

We encourage you to identify and nominate a deserving candidate from your chapter for this significant award. It is an opportunity to recognize the outstanding leadership potential of our collegiate Brothers. To be eligible for the award, the nominee must have exhibited exemplary behaviors and actions as a student and professional in training that have gained the respect of their peers.

In establishing the award, Jack noted that many student pharmacists are so focused on working their way through their educational program that they do not have time to take on formal leadership positions with organizations but instead demonstrate their potential by exhibiting leadership in other ways. He distinctly wishes all forms of leadership to be considered for this award.

Once your nominee has been identified, you should work with them to complete the nomination packet. Nomination packets should contain the application form, a personal statement (not exceeding 500 words) from the nominee including a vision of what they aspire to accomplish within 10 years after graduation, and three letters of recommendation addressing the nominee's potential for exceptional leadership in the profession after graduation. One letter of recommendation must come from the Chapter Advisor.

The deadline for receiving nominations is Monday, May 4, 2026.

The award will be presented by the Pharmacy Leadership & Education Institute (PLEI) at Grand Council in Louisville, Kentucky on Saturday, August 1, 2026.

The pathway for submitting nomination packets can be found at <https://plei.org/schlegel/>.



HISTORY CORNER

At the 1971 American Pharmacists Association Annual Meeting, Phi Delta Chi's presence in the profession was already making an impact. More than 55 years later, our Brothers continue to show up, connect, and lead—carrying forward a legacy that spans generations and continues to shape the future of pharmacy.



AAAE CAMPAIGN

With Grand Council just a few months away, now is the perfect time to maximize your chapter's participation in this year's [AAAE Campaign](#). Chapters can earn free registrations to Grand Council when alumni pay National Alumni Dues, Life Member dues, and AA AE Campaign contributions.

Chapters earn rewards based on participation:

- The first 15 points earned will grant one complimentary Grand Council registration
- Additional registrations can be earned for every 25 points accrued beyond that

How You Can Help:

- **Alumni:** Pay your 2025-2026 [National Alumni Dues](#) and help send a collegiate Brother to Grand Council
- **Life Members:** Consider [making a donation](#) to the AA AE Campaign to further support your chapter
- **Collegiates:** If your chapter is close to earning a registration, reach out to your alumni network and encourage their participation

The following chapters have already earned one free registration to this summer's Grand Council:

- Tau
- Psi
- Omega
- Alpha Nu

Thank you to all alumni who have already shown their support—your contributions are making a meaningful impact. Let’s continue building momentum and ensure strong representation at Grand Council!

[Current AAE Campaign Standings](#)



Call for CE Speakers & Student Researchers

We are offering exciting new continuing education opportunities this year! In addition to Grand Council programming, we are offering continuing education via live webinar throughout the year. We are seeking presenters who would like to share their expertise with our Brothers. In addition, we are seeking student researchers to share their projects at Grand Council; each student will have 10-15 minutes to share their project, plus 5 minutes for Q&A. If you are interested in any of these opportunities, please fill out the Call for Speakers form [here](#).

Please direct any questions to the Continuing Education Coordinator, Jennifer Polyniak (ce@phideltachi.org).



EC ACTIONS

Executive Council actions are available at any time on GreekTrack. To access them, navigate to Files > Shared by National Office > Executive Council Action Items, then select the year and month you are looking for. Please feel free to review these documents as needed to stay informed on recent decisions and updates.

- [March 1st, 2026](#)
- [March 15th, 2026](#)



APRIL FOOLS!

If you were excited about our “newest billboard acquisition,” we hope we had you convinced—April Fools! While Phi Delta Chi hasn’t quite made it to the highways (yet), the idea of expanding our visibility isn’t far off.

For now, the best way to promote our brotherhood remains the same: sharing your experiences, connecting with others, and representing Phi Delta Chi through your everyday impact. Who knows—maybe one day the billboard won’t be a joke after all!



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