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🎉 Counting Down to the 77th Grand Council 🎉



 **July 29th, 2026 – August 1st, 2026**

 **Galt House Hotel, Trademark Collection by Wyndham; North Fourth Street, Louisville, KY**

Only 6 months until the [ultimate fraternal experience!](#)

Set in the heart of downtown Louisville, this year’s conference promises something for everyone—collegiates, alumni, and family members alike. With engaging programming, unforgettable experiences, and easy access to local attractions, this is a weekend you won’t want to miss. Early bird registration will be open from **March 1st to June 19th**, with late registration available from **June 20th through July 19th!**

Conference Registration Rates:

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

We look forward to celebrating together and welcoming you to Louisville! 🎉



APhA2026 ANNUAL MEETING

Headed to APhA 2026?

Get ready for an unforgettable experience from March 27th–30th at the Los Angeles Convention Center on South Figueroa Street! [APhA2026](#)—*Redefining Possible*—brings together pharmacists, student pharmacists, new practitioners, technicians, and researchers from across the country for cutting-edge education, networking, and professional growth. With tailored sessions, mentorship opportunities, and forward-looking programming, you'll find inspiration and tools to elevate your practice and career.

Make Phi Delta Chi part of your APhA experience!

Visit your Brothers at **Booth 540** throughout the weekend to reconnect, get involved, and stay up to date on fraternity initiatives. Don't forget to [sign up on GreekTrack](#) to receive timely updates and announcements about Phi Delta Chi events during the conference weekend—we can't wait to see you in Los Angeles!



✦ 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](#)



GLIMMERS

Congratulations to the Brothers from Delta Delta Chapter who received their White Coats!



Congratulations to the Beta Phi Brothers who were inducted into Rho Chi and Phi Lambda Sigma!



From left to right Karelys Díaz Dávila (Rho Chi), Erika Marmershteyn (PLS), Cameron Christie (PLS), Abigail Mason (Rho Chi)



OPEN NOW! Alumni Professional Development Scholarship

Earn a \$500 scholarship toward the professional programming of your choice.

Examples include, but are not limited to:

- Professional Certifications
- Continuing Education
- Conference Registration and/or Travel
- Additional Degree Programs (MBA, MPH, etc.)

Eight scholarships will be awarded. Don't miss out!

APPLICATIONS DUE 2/15/2026

[Alumni Professional Development Scholarship Application](#)

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CALLING ALL CHAPTERS! Nominate a young leader for the Schlegel Leadership Development Award



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/>.



ALUMNI DUES

Brotherhood doesn't end with graduation—it grows stronger through the continued support of our alumni.

In 1916, alumni Brothers who paid their first year of alumni dues—just \$1 at the time—received a certificate in the mail, much like the one every Brother receives upon initiation today. That tradition reflects a longstanding commitment to staying connected and invested in Phi Delta Chi beyond the collegiate experience.

By paying your [National Alumni Dues](#), you play a direct role in advancing our Fraternity and ensuring future generations of Brothers have meaningful opportunities to learn, grow, and lead. Alumni contributions help fund innovative programming, chapter resources, leadership development initiatives, and educational opportunities that strengthen our Brotherhood nationwide. Brothers who choose to pay Lifetime Alumni Dues will receive a lifetime Brother pin as a symbol of their lasting commitment and support.



Be it known by these presents that

was duly initiated into

PHI DELTA CHI FRATERNITY

*by the _____ Chapter, on the _____ day
of _____ and having assumed the
obligations of the Fraternity is hereby invested with
its rights and benefits*



Grand President

Grand Secretary

The 2025–2026 National Alumni Dues period extends through September 30, 2026.

Alumni Dues Options:

- \$150/year – Standard rate
- \$80/year – Reduced rate for recent graduates (Classes of 2023, 2024, and 2025)
- \$1,500 – One-time Lifetime Alumni Dues

Invoices are conveniently available through GreekTrack.

For questions, please contact Grand Vice President for Alumni Affairs, Jennifer Polyniak (gvpaa@phideltachi.org) or reach out to your [Regional Director for Alumni Affairs](#).

Join us in giving back—because the greatest way to honor our Brotherhood is to invest in its future. ✨

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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).

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With Gratitude to Our PLEI Donors

Leader development doesn't happen by chance. It happens because of you.

Your generosity to PLEI fuels every scholarship awarded, every program delivered, and every opportunity we create to strengthen the future of pharmacy. Because of donors, PLEI continues to empower students, practitioners, and emerging leaders to grow with confidence, purpose, and impact.

We are proud to recognize the individuals listed alongside this message whose support sustains our mission. Your investment in leader development is an investment in the profession itself and in the countless lives pharmacy leaders will touch.

Thank you for believing in PLEI and for helping us build a lasting legacy of leaders.

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OVER \$5,000	Larimer, Edward (AΨ)	Saroyan, Ralph (AΨ)	Ward, Ronald (AΥ)
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HISTORY CORNER

The Phi Delta Chi Emblem

“Many facets of significance attach to the Phi Delta Chi emblem. The fraternity colors - old gold and dregs of wine - have been historically the colors representing royalty or nobility, that class of society uppermost in learnedness and leadership. The shape of the shield- the delta design- is detailed to indicate equality and the sciences and of the individuals, In the early days of the fraternity when its members came from the fields of chemistry and pharmacy the symbol of equality was uppermost in brotherly consideration. At all times have the members been considered equal.

The horizontal fess [actually, its chevron], bearing the Greek letters Phi Delta Chi, further portrays the marshaling by Phi Delta Chi of Pharmacy and Chemistry into an alliance. The direct meaning of the three Greek letters is “pharmacy,” “equality,” “chemistry.” The Greek lamp of learning in the lower segment of the shield denotes higher education; the retort in the upper right segment is significant of basic research, probably somewhat emphasizing the science of chemistry.

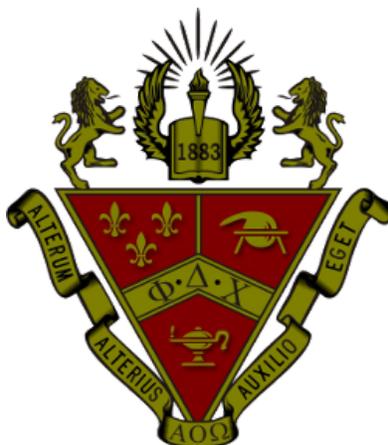
The unfurled scroll beneath the shield bears the motto of the fraternity, “Alterum Alterius Auxilio Eget,” meaning “Each Needs The Help Of The Other.” Special significance to this motto applies to the two sciences, as well as to all individual members. The additional Greek letters at the very bottom of the scroll (Alpha, Omicron, and Omega) mean the first, the middle, and the end. In the ritual are three important messages to the members each designated by one of these letters.

Surmounting the shield the two lions, rampant, indicate the stout-heartedness, courage, and purpose of the bearer of the shield regardless of his field of endeavor. The burning torch is the spirit of enlightenment born by the bearer of the shield, by whose hand knowledge can take wing for dissemination among the Brethren, as illustrated by the winged book.

1883 is the founding date of the Fraternity and the expressing of the aims of Phi Delta Chi, and the assembling of the fraternal organization for the implementation of these aims. The only unexplained design on the emblem is the fleur-de-lis in the upper left segment. Former Grand President Emory Thurston once explained that this French design was once considered a necessary part of any coat-of-arms.”

- Floyd Knays, Sigma [*Cator* 1963 Feb:7]

In response to this excerpt published in the February 1963 issue of *The Communicator*, Brothers of Epsilon Chapter wrote to the National Office expressing their belief that the fleur-de-lis represents liberty, equality, and brotherhood.



EC ACTIONS HIGHLIGHTS

December 21st 2025 Highlights

- Approval of booth space at the 2026 APhA Meeting.
- Approval of the revocation of the charter of the Gamma Chi Chapter due to the school closing.
- Approval of the use of up to \$5,000 from Life Member funds to host a Life Member event at the 2026 Grand Council.
- The following Constitutional Changes will be brought before the Organizational Affairs Committee at the 2026 Grand Council.
 - Addition of a Grand President Elect Position
 - Updates to the Membership Eligibility Policy

January 18th 2026 Highlights

- Approval of Grand Council registration fees
- Approval of the following appointments by the Grand President
 - PDCE:
 - Rhett Wilson (Δ)
 - Brandon Cashwell (ΑΓ)
 - PDCS:
 - Gretchen Erdmann (ΑΦ)
 - Gillian Taganas (ΓΙ)
 - Brandon Gillip (Ν)

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.

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