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HAPPY NEW YEAR BROTHERS!



As we step into 2026, we are welcomed by a fresh start—and a renewed opportunity to shape the year ahead with purpose, passion, and intention. It's a time to look back on the past 12 months with gratitude and to set intentions for personal, professional, and fraternal growth in the year ahead.

As you think about your New Year's resolutions, consider what you want your Phi Delta Chi experience to look like in 2026 and beyond. Do you see yourself stepping into a leadership role? Mentoring a younger Brother? Reconnecting with Brothers you haven't spoken with in a while? Helping plan events or initiatives, serving on a committee, getting more involved with your local alumni chapter, or attending an upcoming [Grand Council](#)?

The new year is the perfect opportunity to shape your fraternal journey and reaffirm your commitment to the high ideals of Phi Delta Chi. Set SMART goals—those that are Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, and Time-bound—and consider identifying an accountability partner: someone who can encourage you, check in on your progress, and help you stay motivated along the way. Remember to give yourself grace as new goals turn into lasting habits.

Here's to a year filled with continued Brotherhood, scholarship, service, and leadership. Let's make 2026 one to remember! ✨

REGIONAL CORRESPONDENTS



The [Regional Correspondent \(RC\)](#) is an elected student pharmacist who serves as a vital liaison between chapters, Worthy Correspondents, the National Office, and Grand Officers, helping to ensure clear and consistent communication throughout the Brotherhood. Selected during Grand Council at the Regional Caucus, RCs must remain enrolled as full-time student pharmacists for the majority of their term and play a key role in supporting chapters across their region.

In this role, the RC disseminates important information, supports chapter operations, encourages participation in the Achievement Award Program (AAP), and promotes involvement in regional and national Phi Delta Chi events. As a central point of connection, RCs communicate chapter progress, needs, and challenges to the Regional Officer team and report directly to the Grand Vice President for Student Affairs (GVPSA).

[Application for office](#)

Meet Your Current Regional Correspondent Team 🤝 ✨

Midwest Regional Correspondent: Austin Bedford - Psi Chapter (P2)



Previously held positions: WC, Fundraising Chair

Fun fact: In high school choir I sang with someone who then went on to become a contestant on The Voice.

Hobbies: Bowling, Tennis, Video Games

Favorite part about being a Brother: Finding people around you that have similar values and want to help our profession grow together. Having people to relate to and have by your side in the world of pharmacy is so important and being a Brother gives you an instant connection to expand your network.

Advice for Brothers/something you wish you knew sooner: Do not be afraid to attend national events even if you don't know anyone! I went this past year to Grand Council and I was quickly able to connect with students and alumni alike and made so many connections that I hope will last a lifetime! Regardless of your age or what type of pharmacy you want to pursue there is always someone who has been in your shoes and willing to give advice and support you.

Eastern Regional Correspondent: Karen Le - Beta Nu (P4)



Previously held positions: WC, Northeast Regional Conference Coordinator, Brotherhood Chair

Fun fact: Left-handed, love to watch reels, play catch, and curate parlays

Favorite part about being a Brother: Connecting with Brothers within our region and across the nation

Advice for Brothers/something you wish you knew sooner: Complete your Cheq forms ASAP!

Southeastern Regional Correspondent: Carryl Laserna - Alpha Iota (P4)



Previously held positions: WC, Professional/Service Co-Chair

Fun fact: My boyfriend and I recently took in a stray cat and we named her Sibyl!

Favorite part about being a Brother: Meeting new Brothers year after year! I love meeting our Candidates and watching them as they progress through their journey in Phi Delta Chi.

Advice for Brothers/something you wish you knew sooner: For my Collegiate Brothers - attend Grand Council! It's such a great opportunity to connect with other Collegiate Brothers and Alumni from across the country.

Southcentral Regional Correspondent: Elizabeth Brownen - Delta Beta (P3)



Previously held positions: AAP Committee Chair

Fun fact: I enjoy sewing, playing the flute, dog training, and I am fluent in American Sign Language (ASL)

Favorite part about being a Brother: I love getting to go to Grand Council and meet Brothers from across the country! It's wonderful to see how our Brotherhood unites us all!

Advice for Brothers/something you wish you knew sooner: I advise Brothers to get involved with your Chapter! You don't need to have a title to be a crucial part of your Chapter or the Fraternity as a whole. Find your passion and ask Brothers how you can help!

Western Regional Correspondent: Liam Watts - Sigma (P4)



Previously held positions: WCC, WVC

Fun fact: Currently serving as the Scholarship Chair of Sigma

Hobbies: Hiking in the Colorado mountains, taking my dog to the park, and baking

Favorite part about being a Brother: The warm, fuzzy feeling of family that we all have.

Advice for Brothers/something you wish you knew sooner: People are way more interested in helping you than you'd initially think. Just ask for help/advice and a Brother will always be there to help you or find someone who can.

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NOMINATIONS FOR OUTSTANDING CHAPTER ADVISOR AWARD



Would you like your Chapter Advisor to be recognized at Grand Council? Do they go above and beyond for your local chapter? Nominations are now being accepted for the **2025-2026 Outstanding Chapter Advisor Award**. Click [this link](#) to nominate your Chapter Advisor. It's a quick and easy way to recognize your advisor for the work they do!

Applications are due January 31, 2026 and the winner of the award will be recognized at Grand Council this summer in Louisville, KY.

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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, 2025.

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/>.

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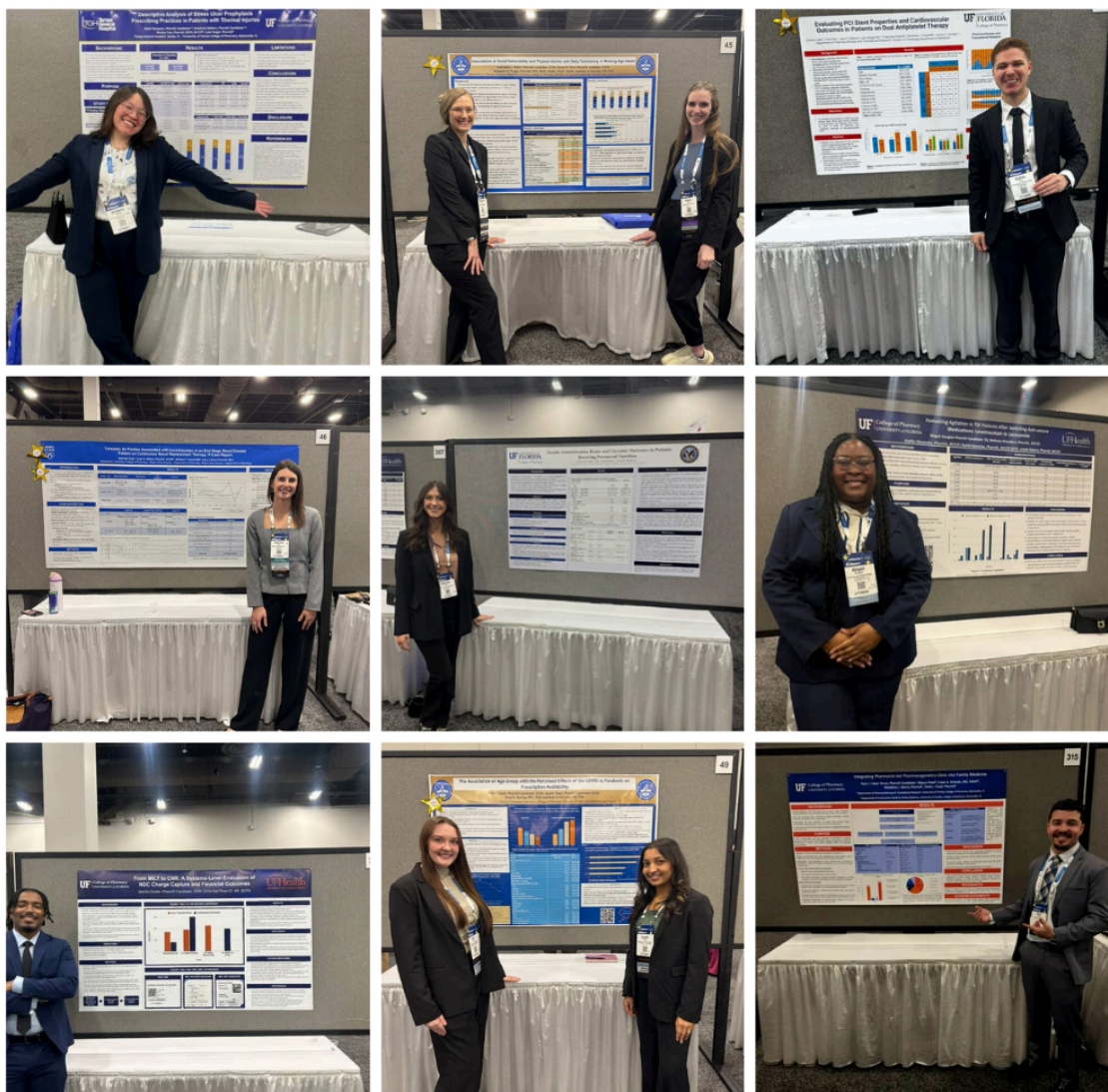
ASHP MIDYEAR 2025

Did you attend the 2025 ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting in Las Vegas? This year's conference was filled with outstanding Brother representation—from impactful poster presentations during the exhibition to unforgettable moments of fellowship at the Phi Delta Chi booth and our Monday night reception at the Gold Spike.

Whether you were sharing your clinical knowledge on the exhibit floor or showing off your dance moves at the reception, Midyear was a celebration of scholarship, service, and Brotherhood. The energy, connection, and pride in Phi Delta Chi were evident throughout the week, and it was inspiring to see so many Brothers representing our Fraternity at one of pharmacy's largest national meetings.



Did you present research at Midyear and want to share your work with Brothers who couldn't attend? We'd love to feature you! Please email Grand Vice President for Communications, Samantha Marion (gvpc@phideltachi.org) with a photo of you and your poster along with a brief overview of your research to be highlighted in an upcoming e-Communicator. Let's continue showcasing the incredible work our Brothers are doing across the profession!



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E. Michael Murphy Named 2026 Albert B. Prescott Pharmacy Leadership Award Recipient

The Pharmacy Leadership & Education Institute (PLEI) is proud to recognize E. Michael Murphy as the 2026 recipient of the Albert B. Prescott Pharmacy Leadership Award. Dr. Murphy is honored for his visionary leadership in pharmacy policy, his commitment to empowering the next generation of advocates, and his data-driven approach to expanding patient access to pharmacist-provided care. As a national leader in legislative engagement and mentorship, his work continues to shape the future of the profession.

Read the full announcement and learn more about Dr. Murphy's impact in the complete article [here](#).

Congratulations!

E. MICHAEL MURPHY

2026 Albert B. Prescott Pharmacy
Leadership Award Recipient

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Leadership &
Education
Institute



GLIMMERS

We are thrilled to share that Brother Vann Wilson (Gamma Lambda) and his wife, Ellie, are expecting a baby girl in May 2026! Congratulations to the Wilson family as they prepare to welcome this exciting new chapter of their lives.



Leadership That Lasts: The Impact of the Leader Legacy Fund

Each year on Founders' Day, we pause to reflect on the vision, courage, and Brotherhood that have defined Phi Delta Chi since 1883. Our Founders built more than a Fraternity—they established a lasting legacy rooted in leadership, service, and lifelong fellowship that continues to guide us today.

In celebration of that legacy, we launched our Founders' Day fundraiser in support of the Leader Legacy Fund, which provides meaningful leadership development, mentorship opportunities, and growth experiences for Brothers across the nation. These initiatives help ensure that future generations of Phi Delta Chi leaders are prepared to serve their patients, communities, and the profession of pharmacy with integrity and purpose.

Thanks to the generosity of Brothers and friends, the fundraiser has already gained strong momentum. To continue building on this progress and allow more Brothers the opportunity to participate, the Founders' Day fundraiser will remain open into the new year.

Every contribution to the Leader Legacy Fund is an investment in the future of Phi Delta Chi. Your support empowers Brothers nationwide, strengthens our shared mission, and helps carry the spirit and values of our Fraternity forward for generations to come.

[Donate today](#)

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES

Please review the actions taken by the Executive Council during their meeting on December 21, 2025. At this meeting, the Executive Council reviewed the following proposed constitutional changes which will be presented to the Organizational Affairs Committee for consideration at the 2026 Grand Council in Louisville, where they will be formally reviewed by the Grand Council and voted upon.

- The creation of a Grand President-Elect position
- Updates to membership eligibility requirements, along with the associated policy changes

[Review proposed changes](#)

HISTORY CORNER

THE COMMUNICALENDAR

Issued by the Editor of *The Communicator* on the first of each month to inform the Brothers of $\Phi\Delta\chi$ Events.

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THE BIG ?

Well, fellows, here I am again. The Communicator is on its way and now I'm trying to print some stuff that is just between you and I. You know I send the Communicator out to the advertisers and the exchanges, etc., so I have to use this little sheet to get the inside dope to you. I have set out to tell here the main question before the 1926 Grand Council—the future policy of Phi Delta Chi.

Some of you haven't heard these propositions so I'll print the following paragraph which first appeared in the December 1925 Communicalendar. It was written by the dean of a college of pharmacy where Phi Delta Chi has a chapter.

"It is very plain to me that unless Phi Delta Chi is socialized, to some extent at least, or admits all sciences to membership—chapters will not be happy. In fact as I see it, it would be a decided advantage to Phi Delta Chi to do this, as this would give them opportunity to establish Chapters in all institutions that have Science Courses. As it is organized at present, it is impossible to establish chapters in any institution that does not have a College of Pharmacy. I feel certain that the Colleges of Pharmacy connected with the University Schools will not long remain satisfied if the membership is not extended, especially in the larger universities. The students in Schools of Pharmacy connected with universities are on a par with other students in the university, and naturally they want their Fraternity to be well known and as active as other Fraternities. I think the time is past when we can hope to secure membership in University Schools, if the organization does not establish chapters in institutions of learning that do not have Pharmacy Schools."

In the January issue I printed the following seven points as probable

olutions of the future policy of the Organization:

1. Purely Pharmacy. No men eligible except those majoring in pharmacy at schools whose faculty are members of the American Conference.
2. Purely Pharmacy as scientific or honorary, allowing membership in social fraternities.
3. Membership restricted to pharmacy and chemistry in conference schools, no dual membership allowed.
4. Same as above allowing dual membership.
5. Membership including all general scientific courses including pharmacy or chemistry. No dual membership.
6. Same as above allowing dual membership.
7. General fraternity open to all.

After much work in going over the replies which have accumulated in the past two months I have been able to assemble the table on this page showing the replies on the various questions as they were received. They have been arranged by chapters.

This is a vote by the Alumni. I suspect two Upsilon votes and one Lambda votes are by actives, but all others were from Alumni who signed their names.

No Grand Officer's vote is counted. It is the belief of the present officers that they are expected to act in the capacity of administrators but not as legislators.

Brother Paul Houk tells me that probably a lot of the Brothers are too disgusted to even vote on the matter. It is plain to me that if Brother Houk's theory is correct this explains the small votes on points 1, 2, 3, 4. Also it is probable that some do not

THE VOTE BY CHAPTERS

Proposal No.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Alpha	1				5	1	
Beta					3		
Gamma							1
Delta	1				3		
Epsilon					4		
Zeta	1				1		
Eta	1		1		1		
Theta	2				2		
Iota					1		
Lambda			1				
Mu	1				5		
Nu			1		2		
Xi			3				
Omicron	3				4		
Pi		1			1	1	
Rho	1						
Tau					5		
Upsilon					2		2
Psi	1		1				
Omega					1		
Alpha Alpha	1						
Alpha Beta					2		
Alpha Gamma					1		
Total	13	1	7	0	49	2	4

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THE COMMUNICALENDAR

know what the various points mean.

Before going further let me tell you that every Brother who has sent in his reply as agreeing with the dean has been placed in column 5. The four votes in column 7 are from men who specifically voted for a SOCIAL Fraternity. Owing to the fact that the dean's paragraph reads thus—"is socialized to some extent at least, or admits all sciences to membership"—I am inclined to believe there is some confusion. The Dean really presents two distinct points and very likely the vote on point 5 is not reliable.

Therefore, I am asking for another and definite vote from you. I will go over each topic and explain it as well as I can.

There are two proposals up for vote at this Grand Council. I shall call them Proposal A and Proposal B.

PROPOSAL A—

Submitted by Pi and seconded by Rho.

We the undersigned members of Phi Delta Chi Fraternity, present the following prepared amendment to our Constitution: mainly strike out the following words from Article 2, Sec. 1—"Provided such a person is not a member of an academic fraternity (as defined in the proceedings of the 1916 convolve), members of petitioning bodies being excepted or a professional fraternity" and insert these words—"Those chapters may initiate members of academic fraternities and have that privilege for an indefinite period of time by appearing on the floor of the Grand Council, presenting cause for such privilege, and such privilege being granted by the Grand Council."

PROPOSAL B—

Submitted by by Tau and seconded by Xi.

Proposed that Article 2, Section 1, be changed to read: Any white, male person of good moral character being a student who is in actual attendance at a recognized college or university where there is a chapter of Phi Delta Chi, and who is pursuing a course of study in scientific subjects and is eligible for a technical degree, is eligible for active membership in this Fraternity, provided such a person is not a member of an academic fraternity. Article 2, Section 2, be omitted.

Proposal A has by this time become generally known as the dual

membership proposition.

And, Proposal B has become the "All-Science amendment."

Now for each one of the seven suggested policies.

POLICY 1. No members but pharmacists. A truly professional fraternity of pharmacy. Chapter houses maintained.

POLICY 2.

An honorary pharmaceutical frat. Probably no house could be maintained. Member of any other frat eligible.

POLICY 3.

The present policy.

POLICY 4.

The present policy plus the possibility of adding members who are in other frats.

POLICY 5.

A general scientific fraternity. No definition of science offered. Houses would be maintained.

POLICY 6.

General Scientific fraternity, having also members of other frats. House maintenance would probably become a question of where the man preferred to live.

POLICY 7.

A Fraternity open to everybody. Probably would ultimately lead to establishing chapters at any college. There they are. I hope I have stated things as impartially as I can. If I have overlooked anything, call it to my attention and I will see that it is brought before Grand Council.

— $\Phi\Delta\chi$ —

DO and DON'T

for Grand Council Delegates

Do—

Know the contents of the national constitution and by-laws with all changes. Know it intimately.

Know definitely the details of your chapter bookkeeping system.

Know and be able to state clearly the financial condition in your chapter. Know whether the chapter is making progress.

Be able to tell Grand Council what your chapter is definitely working toward, whether it is a new house, scholarship, more members, or what.

Know if your chapter is not running strictly in accord with the constitution. Know exactly why, in case there is a difference.

Know your chapter's wishes relative to the proposed changes in the Constitution and be able to tell Grand

Council just why your chapter feels the ways it does on these questions.

Know how the chapter feels about increasing the national dues if this is necessary to establish the office of Traveling Secretary.

Know the attitude of your chapter about putting into our constitution definite rulings regarding automatic suspension of pledges and members for failing behind in paying their bills.

Know the impression of your chapter about what the term "suspension" implies—know the difference between "suspension" and "expulsion", if there is any.

Know who your chapter officers are, when their terms expire, who your next WKF is and when he takes over the books.

Know just what your chapter uses for signatures where the ritual reads "you will now sign the constitution."

Have down in writing a list of the items upon which your chapter wants information and get the "dope" they want down in the same "ill ole note book."

Be sure that you have any complaints down in writing and that when you make your complaint, be satisfied that it has "registered" and don't leave Grand Council without getting a definite understanding.

Fulfill conscientiously any appointments which you may receive on committees.

Be prompt at both sessions of Grand Council and at committee meetings.

Be attentive and know what is going on at all times.

Remember that Grand Council is the meeting which emphasizes our national growth—that you represent your chapter there and that your chapter is depending upon you to bring home to them everything you can for their betterment. It is thru the aid of your brothers' money that you attend—try to make the fraternity mean more to them, to everyone of them, upon your return.

Remember that Grand Council is the biggest meeting in Phi Delta Chi. Your selection to represent your brothers is an honor that most emphatically involves a duty. Perform that duty well.

Help to make this the best Grand Council ever.

Don't—

think that Grand Council is all pleasure.

come to Chicago with the idea of "painting her red."

forget to arrive on time.

forget to register as early as possible with the Grand Secretary.

forget the check stubs and books of your WKF.

forget the address of the Allerton House, 701 N. Michigan Ave.

forget that the Allerton House is a "stag" hotel.

forget that five can ride as cheaply as one in Chicago taxicabs.

forget to write to the hotel and make

The *Communicalar* was published as a way to inform Brothers of the events and initiatives of Phi Delta Chi. In the [edition published on February 1, 1926](#)—nearly 100 years ago—the Brotherhood was actively considering various options for policy reform. Two major proposals were presented for discussion:

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As we approach the 77th Grand Council, we once again find ourselves evaluating our membership eligibility policy. As Phi Delta Chi continues to grow and evolve as an organization, it is important to reflect on where we began, recognize the progress we have made, and allow those lessons to guide us thoughtfully into the future.

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