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NEXT STOP: LOUISVILLE

We're about to hit the road on Route PDC: Brotherhood Bound—who's coming along for the ride? The countdown to the [77th Grand Council](#) has begun, and Louisville is waiting! With registration closing on **July 19th**, now is the time to secure your spot for a week of Brotherhood, leadership, learning, and unforgettable experiences. Buckle up and read on for everything you need to know before embarking on this year's journey.

Registration Rates:

- Collegiate: \$350
- Alumni: \$400
- Alumni Weekend: \$350
- Guest: \$275
- Guest Weekend: \$260
- Banquet Only: \$100

Looking for ways to make your Grand Council trip more affordable? 💰 Consider sharing a hotel room or coordinating transportation with fellow Brothers! Use the [Grand Council Roommate & Ride Share spreadsheet](#) to connect with Brothers who are looking to split hotel accommodations, share rides to and from the airport, or coordinate other travel arrangements. It's a great way to reduce costs while getting to know Brothers before the conference even begins.

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YOUR GRAND COUNCIL ROADMAP

Wednesday July 29th Events:

Bourbon Tasting: To kick off the week, an optional bourbon tasting excursion is being planned for **Wednesday, July 29th**. This guided walking tour will depart from the hotel and include stops at three local distilleries, each featuring curated tastings. Registration for this event is closed.

Leader Development Day: Looking to strengthen your leadership skills? Join PLEI and PDC for Leader Development Day (LDD) on **Wednesday, July 29th** from 1:00 - 5:00 PM. This interactive workshop, *Diagnosing "Difficult People": A Leader's Framework for Navigating Challenging Relationships*, will provide

practical tools to better understand and manage complex interpersonal dynamics through a hands-on, discussion-based approach. This course is limited to 30 participants, with registration set at \$99 for collegiates and \$149 for alumni.

Wednesday, July 29, 2026

Leader Development Day (LDD) - Diagnosing "Difficult People": A Leader's Framework for Navigating Challenging Relationships

1:00 PM - 5:00 PM EDT

Optional Add-On

[View Description >](#)

Ice Cream Social: Kick off Grand Council with an evening of Brotherhood and fun from 6:00 - 8:00 PM! Brothers are invited to pick up their name tags, enjoy some ice cream, and connect with one another through board games and conversation as we officially begin an exciting week together.

Thursday July 30th Events:

Blood Drive with the Red Cross: As part of our commitment to service, Phi Delta Chi will partner with the American Red Cross to host a [blood drive](#) on **Thursday, July 30th**, from 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM during the conference. With a critical blood shortage across the United States, this initiative provides Brothers with an opportunity to make a meaningful impact. Appointments are encouraged, though walk-ins will be accommodated as availability permits.

Life Member Dinner: The Grand Council Planning Committee is excited to announce an exclusive Life Member Dinner taking place on Thursday, July 30th at 6:00 PM. Life Member alumni attending Grand Council with a *full registration* are invited to gather at **Doc Crow's Southern Smokehouse & Raw Bar**, located just steps away from the Galt House Hotel. This complimentary event will provide an opportunity for Brothers to reconnect, network, and celebrate the lasting impact of Phi Delta Chi Brotherhood. Be sure to check your email for additional details and RSVP by July 15th.

Friday July 31st Events:

Alumni Reception: For all alumni Brothers with a full or weekend Grand Council registration, taking place on **Friday, July 31st** from 5:00 - 6:30 PM

Chapter Swap: From 6:00 - 8:00 PM, each chapter will have a table to exhibit items, artifacts, or whatever the chapter would like to display. This is a time for chapters to share ideas and items. Chapters may sell t-shirts, mugs, key chains, etc. (if local laws permit).

Saturday August 1st Events:

Awards Banquet: This is a formal dinner event happening from 7:00 - 11:00PM. We will celebrate the last year with awards and recognition of our students, alumni and volunteers.

Be sure to review the [schedule](#) for a full lineup of Grand Council events and descriptions. We look forward to welcoming you to Louisville for an unforgettable Grand Council experience!



BEFORE YOU HIT THE ROAD

A successful Grand Council begins with a well-packed suitcase! Use the checklist below to ensure you have everything you need for a smooth and memorable week.

What to Wear

Outside of the events listed below, Brothers are encouraged to dress casually and comfortably while proudly representing Phi Delta Chi, their chapter, and themselves throughout the week.

- **Opening Business Session** – Business Casual
- **Interim Business Session** – Business Casual
- **Memorial Service & Final Business Session** – Business Casual
- **Chapter Swap Meet** – Phi Delta Chi attire / Casual
- **Workshops** – Phi Delta Chi attire / Casual
- **Group Photo** – Business Casual
- **Alumni Continuing Education** – Phi Delta Chi attire / Casual
- **Dinner & Banquet** – Semi-Formal



Don't Forget to Pack


Along with your suitcase, be sure to bring these Grand Council essentials:

- **Chapter Report (Collegiate Chapters):** Submit your Chapter Report to your [Regional Director for Collegiate Affairs \(RDCA\)](#) and gvpca@phideltachi.org by **July 24, 2026**. Reports should address the [Collegiate Chapter Self-Evaluation Questions](#). Contact your RDCA with any questions.
- **Chapter Constitution & Bylaws:** Bring a digital or printed copy.
- **Ritual Aprons:** One apron for each attending Brother.
- **Brother Pin:** Every Brother should bring and wear their official pin.

Once you've packed your bags, you're almost ready to hit the road! Before you depart, visit the Grand Council FAQs for additional travel tips, conference information, and answers to common questions to help make your journey to Louisville as smooth as possible.



CHART YOUR COURSE

Keep an eye on your inbox! In **mid-July**, all registered attendees will receive an email with instructions to download the official **Grand Council app** 

The app will be your go-to resource throughout the conference, allowing you to:

- Build your personalized schedule by adding sessions and events.
- View workshop descriptions, locations, and any schedule updates.
- Download important conference documents.
- Create your attendee profile and connect with Brothers.
- Stay up to date with announcements and notifications throughout the week.

While the schedule is still being finalized, attendees can look forward to a variety of educational, professional, and leadership-focused sessions, including career panels, chapter operations workshops, GreekTrack training, financial management, conflict resolution, Thurston Cup report guidance, and informal discussion groups covering officer development, career pathways, and post-graduate opportunities.

Can't wait for the app? The most up-to-date [workshop schedule](#) is already available on GreekTrack, giving you an early look at the exciting programming planned for Grand Council.

Be sure to download the app as soon as it's available so you're ready to plan your week and make the most of your Grand Council experience!



DESTINATION: LOUISVILLE

Grand Council isn't just a conference—it's the Ultimate Fraternal Experience!

As we count down the days until Louisville, now is the perfect time to join and connect with Brothers on the Phi Delta Chi Discord server. Throughout Grand Council, Discord will serve as a central hub for real-time communication, keeping attendees informed about important announcements, schedule updates, workshops, continuing education sessions, and Brotherhood events. It's also a great way to coordinate meetups, connect with Brothers from across the country, and make the most of your time together outside of conference programming.

And don't forget—the experience extends far beyond the walls of the Galt House! Louisville is a vibrant city filled with history, culture, live music, great food, and unique attractions. Whether you're exploring the [Bourbon Trail](#), strolling along the waterfront, [discovering historic neighborhoods](#), [attending local festivals and concerts](#), or simply grabbing a meal with Brothers, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

Be sure to check out the Louisville events calendar [HERE](#) to see what is happening during Grand Council week. You never know what adventure, memory, or new friendship may be waiting just around the corner!



77th GRAND COUNCIL CHALLENGE COIN



This year’s **77th Grand Council Challenge Coin** will be available for purchase for \$20, with pickup available at Grand Council or \$8 shipping for those unable to attend. Featuring a stamped edge engraved with the names of the current Executive Council, this commemorative coin serves as a unique keepsake celebrating the 77th Grand Council and the Brothers who helped lead the Fraternity during this term.

stamped edge text:

STIMES • BOURQUE • SAVVA • POLYNIAC • MARION • COREY • FRENCH •

Proceeds from coin sales will support the minting of a special “Gratitude” edition challenge coin. This exclusive gold variant will feature a gratitude symbol in place of the traditional mortar and pestle, along with custom edge text recognizing support for the next generation of Brothers. One Gratitude coin will be gifted, free of charge, to every alumnus who sponsors a full collegiate registration for Grand Council.

same as 23836 **FRONT**

BACK



SIZE: D=1.75”

stamped edge text:

★ WITH GRATITUDE FOR SUPPORTING THE NEXT GENERATION

[Purchase GC Coins Here](#)



PLEI Names Komal Kumar Recipient of 2026 Schlegel Leadership Development Award



The Pharmacy Leadership and Education Institute (PLEI) is proud to announce Komal Kumar, PharmD/MBA Class of 2026 at Temple University School of Pharmacy, as the recipient of the 2026 John F. (“Jack”) Schlegel Leadership Development Award.

Presented annually, the award recognizes a graduating student pharmacist who demonstrates exceptional leadership, service, professionalism, and the potential to make significant contributions to the profession of pharmacy. A Brother of the Alpha Omicron Chapter of Phi Delta Chi, Kumar has served in numerous leadership roles, including Vice President and Acting President. She also has held leadership positions with several student organizations at Temple University while building an impressive record of research, advocacy, mentorship, and service.

“Komal exemplifies the qualities this award was created to recognize,” said Kevin Anderson, PharmD, MHA, MBA, chair of the PLEI Awards Committee. “Her ability to lead through service, inspire those around her, and remain committed to improving healthcare for patients demonstrates the character, resilience, and vision that Dr. Schlegel championed throughout his career.”

Following graduation, Kumar will begin a two-year fellowship with Eli Lilly, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, and Butler University focused on global pharmacovigilance, regulatory affairs, and pharmacy education.

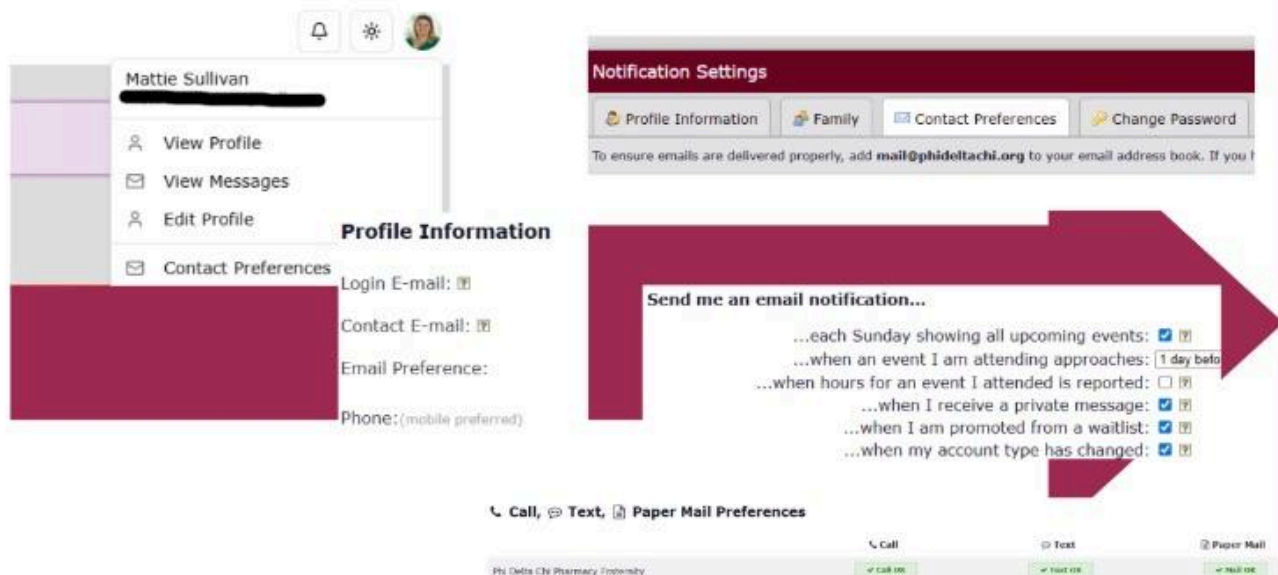
The John F. (“Jack”) Schlegel Leadership Development Award includes a \$1,000 honorarium and honors the legacy of Dr. Schlegel, a visionary pharmacy leader, mentor, and advocate for leadership development. Learn more about Komal and the award [here](#).



UPDATING YOUR GREEKTRACK ACCOUNT

UPDATING YOUR EMAIL

Sign into phideltachi.org with your current email. Once in, click on your account icon in the top right corner. A dropdown will allow for you to click edit profile. The most important information for updating is under the “Profile Information” section. Under contact preferences, you can choose preferred methods of contact as well as how much you wish to be notified.



WORK EXPERIENCE

You are also able to update work experience. This can allow for interaction with those of similar experience on the job board

Add Work Experience

Employer:

Job Title:

Industry:

Date Joined: January 2026

Date Ended: Current Employer

Location: Graham, US

Work Experience

Network with other members work

- Pharmacy Resident (PGY1)
- Pharmacy Resident (PGY2)
- [Add work experience](#)

JOB BOARD

On the job board, you can post job listings, interact with people with similar jobs as you, Collegiates and Worthies, you could use this resource to find interesting guest speakers!

Store

Job Board

Links

In which industry are you looking?

Aviation	Accounting	Agriculture	Arts	Automotive	Education	Engineering	Environmental
Financial Services	Healthcare	Hospitality	Law	Manufacturing	Media	Non-Profit	Other
Pharmacist - Ambulatory Care	Pharmacist - Clinical	Pharmacist - Community	Pharmacist - Compounding	Pharmacist - Consultant	Pharmacist - Health System	Pharmacist - Hospital	Pharmacist - Independent
Pharmacist - Industry	Pharmacist - Long-Term Care	Pharmacist - Managed Care	Pharmacist - Other	Pharmacist - Regulatory	Pharmacist - Retail	Pharmacist - Sales	Pharmacist - Wholesale
Transportation Operations	Research	Telecom	Utilities	Government	Technology	Construction	Transportation Logistics

UPDATING YOUR FAMILY TREE

Greektrack allows for the creation of family trees. You are able to update your own big Brothers, littles, and siblings. Some Worthies are also able to update anyone's profile. If your Chapter also partakes in Family Names, you can also update this here.

Edit Family Tree

Phi Delta Chi Family

When adding your family members, it is important to note that the search feature is NOT Chapter Specific so make sure you are clicking the correct person.

Big Members:

Samantha Marion
Alpha Theta, Headquarters, Alpha Theta Alumni Chapter

Phi Delta Chi Family

Join a family - No family listed -

Or, create a new family by entering the name below:

Once updated, go to the "Members" tab, click "Families", then "View Family Tree" and enjoy the cool view!

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REGIONAL CORRESPONDENT (RC) ELECTIONS



Each Region will elect its next [Regional Correspondent](#) (RC) at the [77th Grand Council](#) taking place July 29th – August 1st, 2026 in Louisville, KY! Regional Correspondents serve as an important resource for chapter growth and the promotion of Brotherhood, providing insight from the collegiate perspective while also assisting with the [Achievement Award Program](#) and regional communication efforts.

Brothers interested in running must be collegiate members during the 2026–2027 academic year (APPE students are considered collegiates and are eligible to run). Applications must be completed by the end of the Opening Business Session on Thursday, July 30. Candidates must be present at Grand Council and attend their Regional Caucus to be considered for election. Regional Correspondents serve a one-year term.

If you have questions about the position, please reach out to your [current RC](#) or Grand Vice President for Student Affairs, Whitney French (gvpsa@phideltachi.org) for additional information.

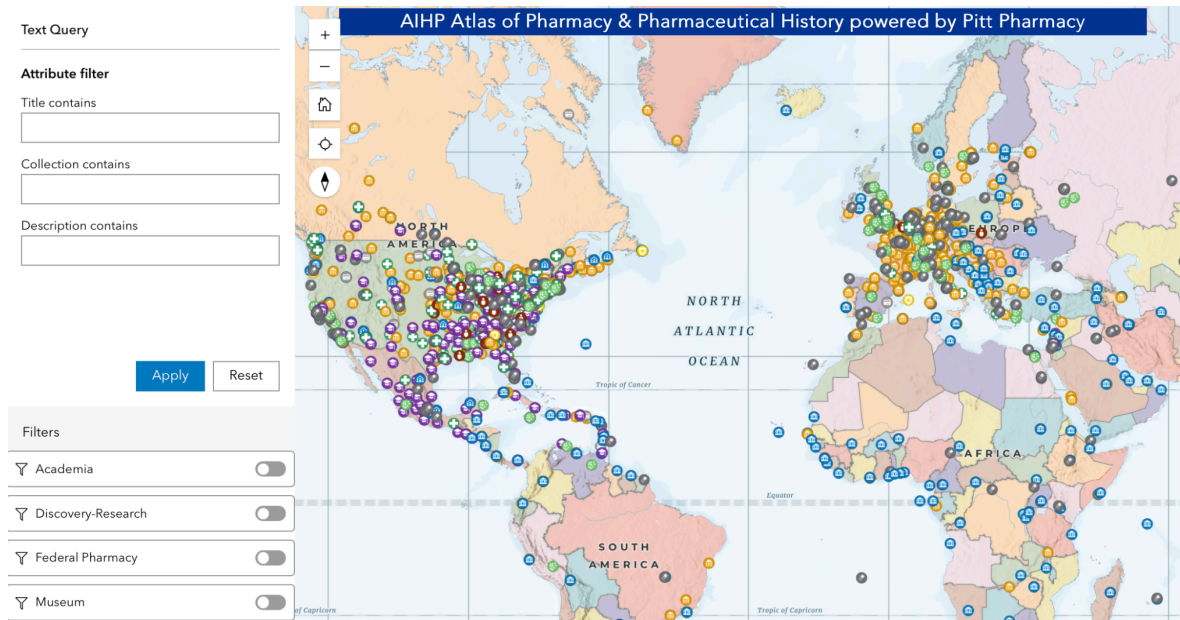
[Application for office](#)

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Celebrating 250 Years of Pharmacy in America

As the United States commemorates its 250th anniversary, it is also an opportunity to reflect on the rich history of pharmacy and the countless individuals, institutions, and organizations that have shaped the profession throughout our nation's history.

The American Institute of the History of Pharmacy (AIHP), in partnership with contributors from across the country, has created the digital Atlas of Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical History to highlight the people, places, discoveries, and milestones that have influenced pharmacy practice in America. The interactive atlas features more than 2,500 entries representing schools of pharmacy, professional organizations, boards of pharmacy, innovators, practitioners, and historic events that have helped advance patient care and the profession as a whole. The Atlas offers visitors the opportunity to explore pharmacy history through an interactive map, uncovering stories that range from scientific breakthroughs and healthcare innovations to unique connections between pharmacy and popular culture. Users can search, filter, and explore topics spanning centuries of pharmacy history while learning how the profession has evolved alongside the nation itself.



If you search for Prescott, Thurston, Lilly, or Phi Delta Chi, you'll find multiple map pins that show you where Phi Delta Chi's own history happened, down to the building level. Zoom in! Many of the Remington Medalists were Brothers, as were many other key contributors to Pharmacy's progress.

As Brothers of Phi Delta Chi and members of the pharmacy community, we can take pride in the generations of pharmacists, educators, researchers, and leaders whose contributions have improved the health and well-being of patients across the country. The story of pharmacy is still being written, and today's students and practitioners continue to build upon a legacy that stretches back to America's founding. The Atlas of Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical History continues to grow as new stories and historical milestones are added. We encourage Brothers to explore the map, learn about the profession's heritage, and discover the many ways pharmacy has shaped—and continues to shape—our communities.

For more information or to explore the Atlas, visit AIHP.org/Atlas.



GLIMMERS



Alpha Nu alumni Brother **Jennifer Esch** has been selected as the Pharmacy Society of Wisconsin's, **PSW pharmacist of the year award**. PSW will present this award during the PSW Annual Meeting Awards Banquet on Saturday evening, August 29th at the Kalahari Convention Center in Wisconsin Dells.



Alumni Brother **John D. Grabenstein, RPh, PhD**, was recently featured by APhA in a guest blog discussing the importance of maintaining confidence in vaccines amid growing uncertainty. In his article, Dr. Grabenstein encourages pharmacists to continue making strong, evidence-based vaccine recommendations, emphasizing that vaccines remain one of the safest and most effective tools for preventing serious illness and death.

Read the full blog [here](#).

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Achievement Award Program Timeline Updates Coming in 2026–2027

Beginning with the 2026–2027 cycle, several updates will be made to the [Achievement Award Program](#) (AAP) to better align with the academic year and collegiate Chapter leadership transitions.

Historically, many Chapters have had multiple executive boards contributing to a single AAP reporting cycle. Since approximately 97.5% of Chapters transition officers during the spring or summer, the revised timeline is designed to allow one collegiate executive board to oversee the majority of the reporting process. These changes aim to improve continuity, increase accountability, and create a more sustainable reporting structure for Chapters.

In addition to the timeline adjustments, the maximum length of the Chapter Publication submission has been reduced from **50 pages to 25 pages**. This change emphasizes quality over quantity while reducing the workload for both Chapters and AAP judges.

Report	Previous Due Date	New Due Date	Content Period
Chapter Publication	August 31st	April 30th	April 2026 – April 2027
Prescott Scholarship	October 31st	August 31st	August 2025 – August 2026
Grabenstein Leadership	December 31st	October 31st	October 2025 – October 2026
Saroyan Brotherhood	February 28th	December 31st	December 2025 – December 2026
Alvarez Professional & Service Projects	April 30th	February 28th	February 2026 – February 2027

These updates were developed to reduce barriers to participation and build upon the recent increase in AAP engagement as we continue working toward our goal of **100% Chapter participation**. To review the updated deadlines, reporting periods, and program requirements, please [visit our website](#). If you have any questions regarding these changes or the Achievement Award Program, please contact the Grand Vice President for Student Affairs, Whitney French (gvpsa@phideltachi.org).

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HISTORY CORNER



As Candidates, we have all spent time learning about the rich history of Phi Delta Chi—from our founding Brothers to the symbolism behind our insignia and traditions. What many may not know is that the concept of a formal “pledge manual” was first introduced at the 1942 Grand Council in Chicago by Brother Leigh Latta (Xi). Following its introduction, Brothers voted to adopt the idea and develop an educational resource for new members.

Over time, that original pledge manual evolved into the Candidate Education Course we know today. This program helps each new Brother gain a deeper understanding of our Fraternity's values, traditions, and history while honoring the legacy of the Brothers who helped build Phi Delta Chi into the organization it is today.



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.

- [June 7, 2026](#)
- [June 21, 2026](#)



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