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 **REGISTRATION NOW OPEN** 



[Registration is officially OPEN for the 77th Grand Council](#), taking place **July 29 – August 1, 2026** at the **Galt House Hotel** in **Louisville, KY**. Located along the banks of the Ohio River, the Galt House Hotel offers stunning waterfront views and places attendees in the heart of downtown Louisville.

This year's Grand Council promises something for everyone—**collegiates, alumni, and guests alike**—with engaging programming, meaningful connections, and unforgettable experiences.

## **Registration Information**

**Early bird registration is now open** and available through **June 19**. Late registration will run from **June 20 – 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

## Hotel & Room Rates

Hotel accommodations are **not included** in the registration fee. Our room block is located in the **West Tower** of the Galt House Hotel.

- **Room Type:** Deluxe room with two queen beds
- **Rate:** \$199 per night + taxes & fees
- **Breakfast Included:** Up to **two breakfast vouchers per day**, based on room occupancy, redeemable at Walker’s Exchange Restaurant or the Belvedere Breakfast
- **Parking:** Discounted self-parking at **\$25 per night** in the East Tower garage
- **Room Block Cutoff:** **July 8**, or earlier if the block fills

## Travel Information

The Galt House Hotel is approximately **6.3 miles (15 minutes)** from **Louisville International Airport (SDF)**. While the hotel does not offer shuttle service, it is easily accessible via **rideshare services, taxis, Uber, and Lyft**.



## ✦ 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](#)



# A<sub>PhA</sub>2026 ANNUAL MEETING

## See Phi Delta Chi at A<sub>PhA</sub>2026!

Going to A<sub>PhA</sub>2026 in Los Angeles from March 27–30? Don't miss the chance to connect with your Phi Delta Chi Brothers during the conference!

### Visit Us at Booth 540

Stop by Booth 540 during the conference to reconnect with Brothers and meet members of the Phi Delta Chi Executive Council, who will be available to share updates, answer questions, and help you stay engaged with fraternity initiatives.

### Coffee with Phi Delta Chi

Start your Saturday morning with Phi Delta Chi! Members of the Executive Council will be at the Starbucks at [1251 S Grand Ave](#) starting at 8 AM, handing out \$5 Starbucks gift cards to the first 25 Brothers who stop by—first come, first served.

### Albert B. Prescott Leadership Award

The **Albert B. Prescott Leadership Award** will be presented to **Michael E. Murphy** by the **Pharmacy Leadership and Education Institute (PLEI)** in recognition of his outstanding leadership, service, and dedication to advancing pharmacy education and professional development. The award presentation will take place on **Sunday, March 29, at 5:00 PM** during the awards program in **Diamond Ballroom Salon 2**.

Don't forget to [sign up on GreekTrack](#) to receive updates and reminders about Phi Delta Chi events during A<sub>PhA</sub> 2026. We can't wait to see you in Los Angeles!



## Honoring Brother Ralph Saroyan: 2026 C<sub>PhA</sub> Bowl of Hygeia Recipient

Phi Delta Chi proudly celebrates Brother Ralph Leon Saroyan, Alpha Psi #128, as the 2026 recipient of the Bowl of Hygeia Award, presented by the California Pharmacists Association, sponsored by the American Pharmacists Association Foundation and the National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations, and administered by NASPA.

This distinguished award recognizes a pharmacist for outstanding and sustained community service beyond the profession. It honors individuals who elevate the public perception of pharmacy through civic leadership, government involvement, and meaningful engagement in their communities. Brother Ralph embodies these ideals through more than five decades of continuous, heartfelt service.

As a past C<sub>PhA</sub> President and Phi Delta Chi's longest serving Grand President, Ralph's leadership has shaped generations of pharmacists. Yet his impact reaches far beyond titles. For over forty years, he served the Rotary Club of Stockton, contributing to civic initiatives that strengthened his local community. He helped establish the Rotaract Club at the University of the Pacific, fostering a spirit of service in student leaders and connecting civic engagement with professional growth. Across every role, he has modeled what it means to live our Fraternity's motto, "Each needs the help of the other."

Ralph is widely known for his remarkable ability to make people feel truly seen and valued. He celebrates others with genuine sincerity and contagious joy, uplifting students, colleagues, and community members alike. Through decades of mentorship, advocacy, and consistent civic engagement, he has elevated not only individual lives, but the profession of pharmacy itself in the eyes of the public.

His legacy is not measured only in positions held, but in lives changed. Generations of Brothers and colleagues credit Ralph with giving them the confidence to lead, to serve, and to believe in their own potential. He is, as many describe him, an eternal optimist whose presence brings energy, wisdom, and unity to every room.

The Bowl of Hygia Award will be presented to Ralph Saroyan during the American Pharmacists Association / California Pharmacists Association Conference in Los Angeles.



### Award Presentation Details

🏆 Saturday, March 28, 2026

🕒 3:30–5:30 PM

📍 Marriott Hotel, Diamond Ballroom Salon 5

Brothers who will be attending the meeting are encouraged to stop by and support Ralph as he is recognized.



## **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](mailto:pdtc@phideltachi.org)) or Grand Vice President for Communications, Samantha Marion ([gvpc@phideltachi.org](mailto:gvpc@phideltachi.org)).

[Submit Here!](#)



## Psi Brothers Leading Through Service in Honduras



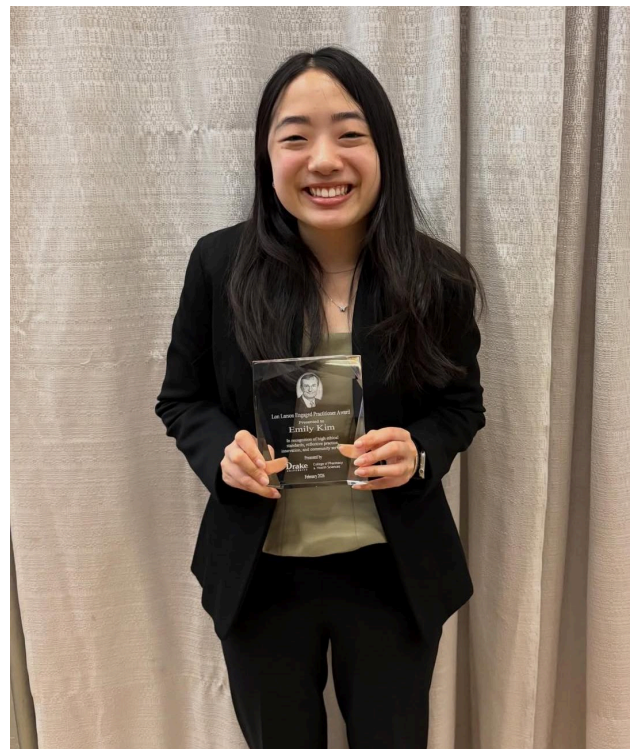
Emily Kim (Worthy Chief Counselor, Psi Chapter) and Nathan Kim (Worthy Alumni Liaison, Psi Chapter), along with their brother Sam Kim (Health Sciences '25), have turned a family tradition of mission work in Honduras into an annual opportunity for Drake University students to serve abroad through [El Ayudante](#).

“This experience reminds me why I chose healthcare,” Emily shared. “It’s about serving others and seeing the impact we can make—both in patients’ lives and in the lives of the students joining us.”

Working with Phi Delta Chi, Emily organized the first student-led mission trip during her P1 year, bringing together pharmacy students and other healthcare disciplines to provide medication counseling, rural health screenings, and support for community projects such as housing, clean water systems, and STEM education for children. Supported by the [Walbridge Scholarship](#), the program has grown into the largest team El Ayudante has ever hosted, with 19 students participating this year. These efforts reflect Phi Delta Chi’s values of service, leadership, and brotherhood, while fostering cultural humility and professional growth among participants.

In recognition of her dedication, Emily was recently honored with the [Lon Larson Engaged Practitioner Award](#). This award celebrates students who demonstrate high ethical standards, reflective practice, innovation, and a commitment to community service—qualities exemplified by Emily in her leadership of Phi Delta Chi and in the recurring planning and execution of these mission trips. Her work not only furthers the fraternity’s mission but also inspires other students to engage meaningfully in their communities and professions.

Read the whole article [here](#).



# 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/>.



# Preserving Our Story: The Phi Delta Chi Oral History Project

Last month, a call from a longtime alumnus who had just received *I Am Phi Delta Chi: An Oral History* prompted me to finally sit down with the book myself. As I revisited its pages, I found myself reflecting on many of the moments and memories that have shaped my own 45-year journey with the Fraternity.

The Phi Delta Chi Oral History Project was created to document the lived experiences of our alumni Brothers through voluntary, recorded interviews. The project captures personal stories spanning generations, practice settings, and leadership roles—stories that meeting minutes alone could never fully convey. Together, they illustrate how Phi Delta Chi has influenced careers, values, friendships, and lives.

What makes this collection especially meaningful is the diversity of voices it includes. From community pharmacists to industry leaders, educators, military officers, and volunteers of all backgrounds, each story reflects a unique path grounded in shared principles of mentorship, service, leadership, and professional growth. By preserving these memories, the Oral History Project strengthens our collective identity and ensures future Brothers understand not just what Phi Delta Chi has accomplished, but why it matters.

Thank you to all who contributed to preserving our history and to those who continue to uphold the enduring bond of our Brotherhood.

- Grand Vice President for Financial Affairs, Ron Corey



*I Am Phi Delta Chi: An Oral History* highlights the lifelong impact of Brotherhood through stories such as that of **Raymond S. “Ray” Traficante** (Alpha Sigma Chapter, Pledge Class of 1969). Ray recalls becoming a candidate at the University of Illinois at Chicago, where his pledge class helped renovate what became the chapter house, and the camaraderie that defined his student experience. After graduating in 1972 and building a career as an independent and clinical pharmacist, his involvement with Phi Delta Chi was renewed in the 1980s, eventually leading him to serve as a faculty advisor for 18 years. Ray played a key role in founding the Alpha Sigma Alumni Chapter and helping endow the Alpha Sigma Memorial Scholarship, which continues to support collegiate Brothers today. Even in retirement, Ray remains actively connected, proudly reflecting on a lifetime of service, mentorship, and Brotherhood as a “Brother for life.”



# AAAE CAMPAIGN



## Support a Brother's Journey to Grand Council!

Alumni can directly support collegiate Brothers by paying their National Alumni Dues through the AAAE Campaign. **One free Grand Council registration** is earned when the **first 15 alumni dues are paid**, with an additional registration earned for every 25 dues paid thereafter.

Brothers who pay Lifetime Alumni Dues count as *two* standard dues payments for the first five years after payment, helping the campaign reach registration goals even faster.

To count toward this year's campaign, alumni must pay their dues by April 30. Your participation directly expands opportunities for Brothers to attend Grand Council and engage in leadership development. If you have any questions, please contact Grand Vice President for Alumni Affairs, Jennifer Polyniak ([gvpaa@phideltachi.org](mailto:gvpaa@phideltachi.org)).

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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](mailto:ce@phideltachi.org)).

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## GLIMMERS

Dr. Matt Rozic, an alumni Brother from Beta Gamma Chapter, was named Distinguished Young Pharmacist of the Year by the Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association at their annual conference in Harrisburg, PA.

This prestigious award recognizes a pharmacist who demonstrates dedication to the profession, actively contributes to professional organizations, advances pharmacy through community service, and exemplifies the leadership and professionalism that define the field. Dr. Rozic's achievements not only reflect these qualities but also uphold the values of Phi Delta Chi, demonstrating service, integrity, and leadership in every aspect of his work.



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## 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.

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