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SAVE THE DATE - 78th GRAND COUNCIL

Grand Council is making its way EAST! Save the date for the [78th Grand Council](#), happening July 28–31, 2027, at the Sheraton Pittsburgh Hotel at Station Square in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania! Start making those travel plans, grab your Brothers, and get ready for another unforgettable Grand Council!



77th GRAND COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

At the [77th Grand Council](#) in Louisville, Brothers from across the country came together to celebrate another year of Brotherhood, service, leadership, and achievement. The week concluded with our annual Banquet, where Brothers gathered to share a meal, recognize outstanding accomplishments, and celebrate the individuals and Chapters who continue to strengthen Phi Delta Chi.

Outstanding Chapter Advisor

The [Outstanding Chapter Advisor Award](#) recognizes an advisor whose dedication, mentorship, and support have made a meaningful impact on their Chapter and its Brothers. This year, **Varanya Chaiyaperm**, Advisor of **Alpha Sigma Chapter**, was honored with this distinguished award.



Outstanding Alumni Chapter

Each year, Alumni Chapters have the opportunity to submit their accomplishments for consideration for the [Outstanding Alumni Chapter Award](#), recognizing excellence in alumni engagement, Brotherhood, service, and support of the Fraternity. Congratulations to **Beta Chi Alumni Chapter**, which earned **first place** and continued its remarkable record of achievement with a **third consecutive year of recognition**. The **Texas Alumni Chapter** received second place, followed by **Beta Alpha Alumni Chapter** in third place.



Achievement Award Program & Thurston Cup

For collegiate Chapters, the [Achievement Award Program \(AAP\)](#) provides an opportunity to showcase the accomplishments, growth, and impact of their Chapter throughout the year. Through a series of five reports: **Chapter Publication**, **Prescott Scholarship Report**, **Grabenstein Leadership Report**, **Saroyan Brotherhood Report**, and **Alvarez Professional and Service Projects Report**, chapters document their achievements across key areas of the Fraternity. The scores from each report are combined to determine the recipient of the [Emory W. Thurston Grand President's Cup & Ron Corey Excellence Scholarship](#), recognizing the collegiate Chapter that demonstrates outstanding achievement across all areas of Chapter operations and Brotherhood.



This year, **Alpha Psi Chapter at the University of the Pacific** earned the prestigious **Thurston Cup**. Congratulations to Alpha Psi on this outstanding accomplishment and on demonstrating excellence across the Achievement Award Program!

Achievement Award Program Results

<i>Chapter Publication</i> 1. Beta Nu 2. Psi 3. Tau 4. Alpha Psi 5. Lambda	<i>Prescott Scholarship Report</i> 1. Tau 2. Alpha Psi 3. Beta Nu 4. Psi 5. Delta Delta		
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<i>Alvarez Professional & Service Report</i> 1. Beta Nu 2. Alpha Psi 3. Alpha Theta 4. Beta Alpha 5. Alpha Upsilon			
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Honorary Grand President

In addition to the achievements recognized during the Banquet, the Executive Council named **Raymond S. Traficante** of **Alpha Sigma Chapter** as the **77th Grand Council Honorary Grand President**.

The Honorary Grand President is one of Phi Delta Chi's highest honors, recognizing a Brother whose lifetime of service, leadership, and dedication has made a lasting impact on the Fraternity.

After renewing his involvement with Phi Delta Chi in the 1980s, Ray served as a faculty advisor for 18 years. He helped establish the **Alpha Sigma Alumni Chapter** and played a pivotal role in endowing the **Alpha Sigma Memorial Scholarship**, which continues to support collegiate Brothers today. Even in retirement, Ray remains a dedicated mentor and champion of Phi Delta Chi, truly embodying what it means to be a **Brother for Life**.



Blood Drive

Giving back was also an important part of the 77th Grand Council experience. During the Grand Council Blood Drive, Brothers donated an incredible **43 units of blood—nearly double our goal!**

The impact extended beyond the number of donations. **Twenty-six donors gave blood for the first time**, helping introduce a new generation of donors to the importance of blood donation. We were also proud to have **two diverse donors** participate, contributing to greater representation among the blood donor community.

With only a small percentage of eligible Americans donating blood each year, every donation makes a difference. Thank you to all the Brothers who rolled up their sleeves, gave their time, and helped make a meaningful impact in the community. Your generosity truly put our Brotherhood into action.

Missed the excitement in Louisville this year? We hope you'll join us for the [78th Grand Council](#) in Pittsburgh next year! Until then, follow Phi Delta Chi on social media for additional photos, highlights, and memories from the 77th Grand Council.



Grand Council Travel Scrapbook 📷

Grand Council may be over, but we're still collecting the memories! If you haven't already, be sure to upload your favorite Grand Council photos to our [GuestCam gallery](#)! If you weren't able to join us in Louisville, you can follow Phi Delta Chi on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) to catch up on Grand Council highlights, photos, and memorable moments from throughout the week. Hopefully we'll see you at our next stop in Pittsburgh! ✈️



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Chapter Financial Review (CFR) Program

Starting in September 2026, Grand Vice President for Financial Affairs (GVPFA) Ron Corey will launch the voluntary **Chapter Finance Review (CFR) Program**, giving collegiate and alumni chapters a new opportunity to strengthen their financial practices and gain valuable guidance along the way.

Think of the CFR Program as a resource for your chapter—not a test or an audit. Whether your chapter is looking to better understand its finances, improve its budgeting and recordkeeping, strengthen internal processes, or simply make sure you're on the right track, the CFR Program is designed to provide **support, guidance, and practical tools to help your chapter grow.**

The program is open to all collegiate and alumni chapters, and Regional Directors are encouraged to help chapters take advantage of this resource based on their individual needs. Any chapter officer—not just the WKF or WCC—is welcome to reach out to GVPFA Corey to schedule a review.

The goal is to make financial guidance more accessible while helping Brothers build skills and confidence in managing chapter finances. Reviews can also provide an opportunity to ask questions, talk through challenges, and identify ways to make your chapter's financial operations more effective and sustainable.

Chapters are encouraged to include their chapter advisor and relevant regional officers in the process, although their participation is not required. The CFR Program is designed to meet chapters where they are and help them take the next step toward stronger financial management.

Ready to give your chapter's finances a tune-up? Reach out to GVPFA Ron Corey (gvpfa@phideltachi.org) to learn more or schedule a review!

REGIONAL CORRESPONDENTS 26-27

Congratulations to our newly elected Regional Correspondents! These Brothers took the stage during their respective regional caucuses at Grand Council last month and were elected by the delegates of their regions to serve as Regional Correspondents. Thank you to each of you for your willingness to step up and serve Phi Delta Chi! We look forward to seeing all you accomplish in your new roles.

Eastern: Addy Leonhartt

Southeastern: Ashley Woodburn

Western: Prabhjot Kaur

Midwest: Lawton Rowan

Southcentral: Elizabeth Brownen



Continuing Education (CE) Feedback Form

Did you attend a CE session at Grand Council this year, or are you interested in CE opportunities in the future? Help us improve and better tailor our continuing education offerings by sharing your feedback and needs through the [Continuing Education Survey](#). Your input will help us provide programs that are relevant and valuable to our Brothers. Reach out to Jennifer Polyniak (ce@phideltachi.org) with any questions.

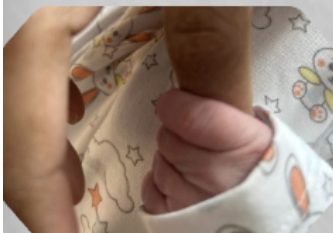
[Continuing Education Survey](#)

Take a Look at the 2025–2026 Edition of *The Communicator*

Haven't checked it out yet? Take a look at the [2025–2026 edition of *The Communicator*](#) and relive some of the highlights, accomplishments, and Brotherhood moments from across the Fraternity!



David Nguyen (Alpha Omega #882) and Daisy Vu (Beta Rho #550) got married on October 4th, 2025 surrounded by Brothers. During the reception, all the Brothers came together to sing the PDC Spirit Song, making it an unforgettable night.



Nisha Bhide (Beta Nu) and her husband welcomed a baby boy in March 2026!



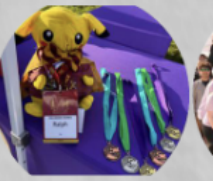
Taylor Wing and Ryan Maples presenting the pop tabs collected to raise funds for the Ronald McDonald house in April 2026 (Gamma Lambda Chapter)



Brother Vann Wilson (Gamma Lambda) and his wife, Ellie, are expecting a baby girl in May 2026!

BROTHERLY HIGHLIGHTS











The Tau Chapter proudly hosted the 14th Annual Phil Slater Memorial 5K for Suicide and Mental Health Awareness on Saturday, April 11th, raising over \$12,000 for St. Jude's!



Taylor Wing, Bre Carson, Luke Morgan, Aditi Patel, Olivia Newman, Ryan Maples, Alexis Card, Maya Medina, Mia Jalkh, Jaci Villafania, and many others attended PDC's first Pharmacy Formal on April 3, 2026 (Gamma Lambda Chapter)



Rachel Whitesitt (Nu Alumni) is serving as a Flip the Pharmacy Coach for nine pharmacies in the state of Wisconsin.

A Look Back: The 53rd Grand Council

As Phi Delta Chi plans to gather in **Pittsburgh** once again, we travel back to **1981**, when the Fraternity held its **53rd Grand Council** in the same city. This Grand Council marked several significant moments in Phi Delta Chi's history, including the election of **Ralph Saroyan** as Grand President who would go on to serve **four consecutive terms as Grand President from 1981–1989**.

The Executive Council elected at the 53rd Grand Council includes:

- **Grand President:** Mr. Ralph Saroyan
- **Grand Vice President for Collegiate Affairs:** Mr. Michael Posey
- **Grand Vice President for Alumni Affairs:** Dr. James DeMuth
- **Grand Editor:** Mr. Robert Henry

More than four decades later, Phi Delta Chi will be returning to Pittsburgh for another Grand Council, continuing a tradition that connects generations of Brothers and reminds us how much our Fraternity has grown. **Read more about the 53rd Grand Council [here](#).**

Pictured below, from left to right: Mike Walsh, Anthony Morreale, Ralph Saroyan, Joe Avila, and Ben Piazza.



GRAND COUNCIL ACTIONS

During the 77th Grand Council, delegates attended business sessions where they had the opportunity to discuss matters affecting Phi Delta Chi, share their perspectives, and participate in decisions that help shape the future of our Fraternity. Through these discussions and deliberations, the Grand Council took action on several matters. The actions of the 77th Grand Council are as follows:

Creation of the Grand President Elect

The Grand Council voted not to establish a Grand President-Elect.

Membership Eligibility

Previously only students actively enrolled in a Pharmacy or pre-Pharmacy program were eligible for membership in Phi Delta Chi. The Grand Council approved a constitutional change to expand eligibility to other pharmacy disciplines. See page 3 of the [Constitution and Bylaws](#):

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP & ELIGIBILITY

Section 1. Collegiate Brother. There shall be a classification of membership known as collegiate Brother.

- a) Any person of good moral character enrolled in a Pharmacy, pre-Pharmacy, or other academic program formally identified as a pharmacy discipline (as defined in the Membership Eligibility Policy) curriculum at a college or university with a collegiate Chapter is eligible for collegiate membership in that collegiate Chapter of the Fraternity.

The Executive Council met on August 16, 2026 and approved the Membership Eligibility Policy which clearly defines the academic programs that qualify an individual for collegiate membership in the Fraternity. See page 41 of the [Constitution and Bylaws](#):

BP 13.00 - MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

Review of the Annual Grand Council Experience

In 2021, the 73rd Grand Council voted to allow a trial period of 5 annual Grand Councils rather than the “traditional” meeting cycle of Grand Council in odd years and Regional Conferences and Leader Development Seminar in even years. The Grand Council approved the Review Committee’s recommendation of annual Grand Council with revisions. Approved changes can be found in:

[Constitution](#) ARTICLE IV (page 5)

FRATERNITY GOVERNANCE

Section 5. Meetings.

[Bylaws](#): CHAPTER VI (page 12)

COLLEGIATE CHAPTER OBLIGATIONS

Number 5. Delegates Required.

[Bylaws](#): CHAPTER VII (page 12)

ALUMNI AND ALUMNI CHAPTER OBLIGATIONS

Number 4. Delegates Required.

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