

# THE Chrome and BLUE of ALPHA CHI SIGMA



December 2024

## From the Grand Collegiate Alchemist

December. The end of the calendar year. The mid-point of an academic year. And for Alpha Chi Sigma, the month we celebrate Founders Day. I'm sure some of you are like me and often wonder where the apostrophe goes on common celebrations. The Grand Historian, Mitch Levings, correctly pointed out that the proper, official punctuation on the moniker associated with December 11 is Founders Day. No apostrophe. Why? The best descriptive answer I could get came from the National Archives and Records Administration as their explanation of Veterans Day. In short, since the day honors a group of people based upon an adjective that defines them as a group, there is no apostrophe. The AP Stylebook says that Presidents Day is the proper term which seems to back that up. That doesn't seem to hold for their position on Mother's Day and Father's Day, so I guess we'll just have to follow the grammarians' lead. I probably can't be too critical since "someone decided it sounds better" is the only explanation I have for students who want to know why phosphate becomes phosphoric acid and not phosphic acid.

Yours in the Double Bond,  
Matt

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# *From the* **PROFESSIONAL** *Branch*



## **From the Grand Master of Ceremonies**

Hello Brothers!

I want to introduce myself to all of you! My name is Hannah Bowman, and I was elected to the office of Grand Master of Ceremonies at the 2024 Biennial Conclave. I obtained my bachelor's in chemistry from Purdue University in West Lafayette, IN in 2010. After graduating I continued my studies for my Doctorate in Chemistry, concentrating on chemical biology, from the University of Wisconsin - Madison where I graduated in 2016. I began my career in the pharmaceutical industry as a post-doctoral fellow in Technical Services/Manufacturing Sciences at Eli Lilly and Company in Indianapolis, IN (my hometown). I currently live in Bloomington, IN where I work at Catalent Biologics as a Principal Scientist in Manufacturing Sciences and Technology – Drug Substance. When I'm not working or volunteering through Alpha Chi Sigma, I hang out with my cat Java and serve on the board of Monroe County Civic Theatre and participate in their shows on the technical crew.

While in graduate school, I was a founding member of the Wisconsin Professional group. I was then elected as a Professional Representative (2014 – 2018). When I moved to Indianapolis, I briefly served as Treasurer of the Indianapolis Professional Chapter before I was appointed North Central District Counselor (2018 – 2024). My fellow DCs elected me as DC Chair for two consecutive biennia (2020 – 2024). I also was a member of the Ritual Committee from 2016 – 2018 the last time the ritual was significantly revised.

As GMC, my obvious duties include maintaining the ritual and regalia of the Fraternity. Along with the ceremonial aspect of new members joining, I manage the Sourcebook and Fraternal Canon to ensure candidates receive a valuable pledge education experience. Additionally, I am responsible for maintaining the Fraternity's trademarks – the letters, coat of arms, and our name. The GMC also oversees the installation of new chapters.

As a member of the Supreme Council, we want to be accessible to our brothers as well as accountable and transparent. Please feel free to reach out to me at [gmc@alphachisigma.org](mailto:gmc@alphachisigma.org).

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### **Professional Brother Spotlight**

Adam Sitzmann was initiated into the Alpha Beta chapter at the University of Michigan. While a collegiate, Adam served as the chapter treasurer and the alumni secretary, and he enjoyed living in the Alpha Chi Sigma house with other brothers. After graduating, he moved to Kansas City for medical school and was a member of the Kansas

City Pro Chapter.

Adam is currently a sports neurologist, specializing in concussion treatment and management, and he works with a variety of athletes at all levels. He and his colleagues serve as the neurology team for US Ski and Snowboard, as well as the WWE, the NFL Players Association, and some NHL teams. Adam is also quite sporty! As an avid outdoorsman, he enjoys snowboarding, skateboarding, hiking, camping, overlanding, and just spending time playing in the mountains. His current home of Park City, Utah, is the perfect location for his hobbies.

If you would know a pro brother who might like to be recognized in our Member Spotlight, encourage them to [complete this form](#).

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# ALPHA CHI SIGMA

## *week of giving*

### **Alpha Chi Sigma Week of Giving**

This year, Giving Tuesday and Founders Day fall within 8 days of one another, so we are planning an Alpha Chi Sigma Week of Giving December 3rd through 11th. We are asking for your help in celebrating and promoting Alpha Chi Sigma.

The Week of Giving will begin on Giving Tuesday with our very popular Chapter Challenge. During this event, both Collegiate and Professional members are asked to donate. Donations can always be made at [alphachisigma.com/donate](http://alphachisigma.com/donate) or to our Venmo account, [AlphaChiSigmaNationalOffice](#). Wherever our members decide to donate, it's very important to identify their initiating chapter for the Chapter Challenge. Like before, there will be two competitions: one for the total amount of donations raised from a single Chapter, the other for the total number of donations from a single Chapter, so donations of any amount are encouraged. The National Office will keep tabs on what is donated and the winning chapter will be announced on the Alpha Chi Sigma Facebook page the following day.

The Week of Giving will end as we celebrate Founders Day together in our annual Founders Day celebration on Zoom. Starting at 8:00pm Eastern on December 11th, the Grand Historian, Mltch Levings, will serve as the emcee for the event. The event will include welcomes, a historical presentation by Mitch Levings, and then reminiscing and social time. [Please register for the event so that we know who will be joining us.](#)

We are excited about this Alpha Chi Sigma Week of Giving and look forward to your participation in these events. We hope you'll take this opportunity to support our brotherhood and connect with your brothers.

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# Notes *from the* N.O.



## National Office Reminders

- If you hold officer elections at the end of the fall semester, be sure to send in your Officer Election report! The form can be found on the [website](#).
- Pledge reporting and paperwork – Make sure you are following the Dates for getting your paperwork and fees in! For more information, visit our [website](#).
- If you are creating merchandise to sell, be sure to have it approved by the Grand Master of Ceremonies before having the items produced. The link for the [form is here](#).



## ALPHA CHI SIGMA by the Numbers

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As of this writing the Fraternity has initiated **80,101** members since its founding in 1902.

**The breakdown of our Active Chapters and Groups are as follows:**

**53** Active Collegiate Chapters **1** Active Collegiate Group **1** Active Interest Group **6** Active Professional Chapters **15** Active Professional Groups

# Dates & Events



## Calendar of Events

- **Giving Tuesday**, Chapter Challenge, Online, December 3, all day
- **Founders' Day Celebration**, [Zoom](#), December 11, 8PM ET

The National Website now has an embedded Google Calendar! You can see when chapters are having initiation, when the Supreme Council is meeting, and more! See the calendar [here](#), and to add items to the calendar, email [national@alphachisigma.org](mailto:national@alphachisigma.org).

Have events to share? Send them to [gca@alphachisigma.org](mailto:gca@alphachisigma.org) (submissions are due by the 15th the month before the newsletter)

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