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March 2026

A Message from the GCA



From the Grand Collegiate Alchemist

Happy March everyone! As we go into Initiation Season and approach this summer's Biennial Conclave, there is a lot of information included below that I hope you find useful. I do want to remind chapters of a few upcoming deadlines from last month's emails. Today is the last day to submit a nomination for the [Ronald T. Pflaum Best Chapter Advisor](#) award. If your chapter has recommendations for District Counselors, please send those to me at gca@alphachisigma.org by May 1. This can include feedback on how things have been going with your DC, as well as recommendations in case your DC is stepping down or just needs some new committee members. I'm still looking to visit chapters via zoom - though my schedule is preventing me from starting before later this month. If you haven't filled out [the form to let me know when your chapter holds its meetings](#), please do that soon.

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GCA Matt Schnippert

Gamma Beta 2003

A Message

from the GMC



From the Grand Master Alchemist

As a reminder, there should be NO digital copies of the fraternity's ritual. Under no circumstances should the ritual be photographed or scanned nor should it be sent by electronic means, posted online, or saved in "the cloud." If you currently have digital copies, **delete them immediately**. Should that leave you in need of paper copies of parts of the ritual, reach out to your district counselor for assistance.

There's still time to nominate yourself or a brother for the [Alpha Chi Sigma Scholar Award](#). The deadline is March 20th and the requirements are available on the linked site. We know there are many deserving brothers out there we haven't heard about and would love to recognize the great work they're doing.



ALPHA CHI SIGMA

2026 Scholar Award

Nomination packets must be submitted by March 20, 2026

Electronic submissions should be emailed to: National@alphachisigma.org

Alpha Chi Sigma Scholar Award

In July 1913, Alpha Chi Sigma initiated a scholarship recognition program “[t]o emphasize the belief that to encourage scholarship is one way to strive for the advancement of chemistry.”

The award consists of a \$2,500 prize, a gold scholarship key, and an inscribed certificate. The biography of the recipient also is featured in the awards issue of *The Hexagon*. This award is administered by the Alpha Chi Sigma Educational Foundation.

A nominee for the Alpha Chi Sigma Scholar Award must have been a member of Alpha Chi Sigma Fraternity for one year and be enrolled in an institution of higher learning at the time of nomination. Undergraduate nominees must have completed their junior year at the time of nomination. Graduate nominees may be nominated based upon both their undergraduate and graduate records upon the completion of their first year of graduate study. Graduate students also may be nominated, based upon their graduate records alone, after admission to candidacy for the terminal degree in the field of graduate study. Go to <https://alphachisigma.org/awards-scholarships> for more information. Applications should be submitted to national@alphachisigma.org by March 20th!

From the PROFESSIONAL Branch



What Can You Expect at Conclave?: Upcoming Presentation from the Professional Representatives

One of the things we often hear at conclave is that people wish they'd known more about what they would be experiencing there. In many cases, people tell us reluctantly volunteered because someone from their chapter *had to* go, but they'd have been much more excited if they'd known how much fun they'd have. To meet that request, the Professional Representatives are planning to host a Zoom session later this month with precisely that information. You can expect to hear from not only the Professional Representatives, but also other collegiate and professional members who want to share their experiences. Pay attention to social media for more information, to find out when the session is being held, and to sign up. If you attended the last biennial conclave and would like to participate in this presentation, please contact the GPA at gpa@alphachisigma.org.



The 58th Biennial Conclave

Thursday, July 16th - Tuesday, July 21st, 2026

Beta Chapter • University of Minnesota • Minneapolis, Minnesota

Conclave Funding Ideas - PR Robert Duff

The 58th Biennial Conclave, hosted by Beta chapter at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities campus, is coming up this summer. Chapters are required to send one delegate, with the chapter expected to cover the cost of the delegate's registration fees. That person's room and board are covered by the Grand Chapter and their travel is reimbursed after the event. Chapters are encouraged to send additional members, but we understand that this can be costly. Since Conclave is a leadership and education conference, many student governments offer grants or other funding to cover some, if not all, of the costs to attend. As an example, this is how I paid for my first Conclave at the University of Arkansas in 1996. The Virginia Tech Student Senate paid for the Gamma Iota Executive Committee (officers) to attend. Below are some examples of a few University government programs for this very purpose. There is an application process and involving your faculty advisor is encouraged and perhaps required. The sooner you apply, the better the chances of obtaining funds. If you're currently doing (or have done) research, you can present your work at our biennial poster session and your lab or department may be able to provide you with funding. Every school is different and may have varying requirements and regulations regarding this type of funding.

Please carefully review and follow campus policies while applying for and/or using these funds. Good luck and I hope to see you this July at Conclave.

[SGA Funding at James Madison University](#)

[Central Student Government Funding Policies at the University of Michigan](#)

[Student Council for Undergraduate Research and Creativity at Florida State University](#)

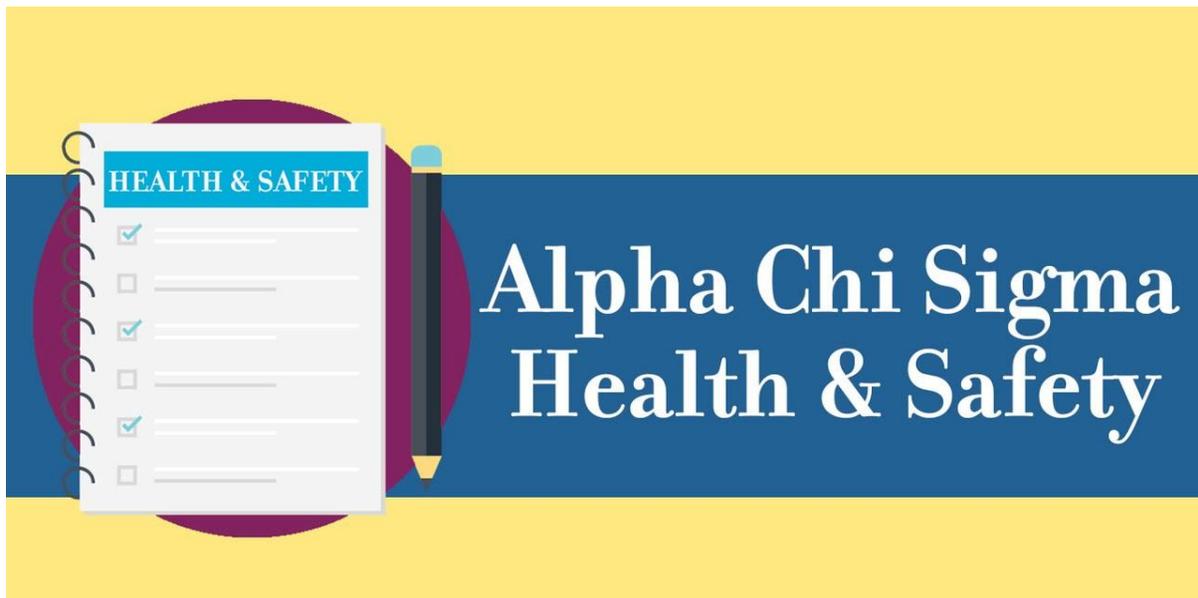


Back to Basics - Conclave Legislation

A major part of conclave each biennium is the drafting, discussion, and voting on various pieces of legislation. It is important for chapters and their delegates to conclave to be aware of what legislation is being considered, and what can be considered. Legislation can be introduced at conclave, or it can be submitted prior to conclave, so that chapters and their delegates can discuss their opinions on legislation prior to arriving.

Conclave legislation falls into two primary categories: routine legislation and new legislation. Routine legislation includes: the setting of fees for pledging and lifetime membership; setting the number of Professional Representatives; and thanking and recognizing various entities for their service to the Fraternity. New legislation includes: Constitution and Bylaws amendments; creation of committees (ad hoc or standing); and requests to the Supreme Council to investigate new ideas for the organization (these can be new committees, new trainings, new initiatives—anything that the Grand Chapter feels is important to the future of the Fraternity).

Records from previous Conclaves can be found on our website, check out the page for our [most recent Conclave in 2024](#). Watch for a formal request for legislation ideas to be coming to your chapter soon; if you and your chapter have ideas for new legislation to propose at Conclave but need guidance on how to submit, reach out to your District Counselor.



Health & Safety Training Reminders

Alpha Chi Sigma values its members and endeavors above all else to keep them safe. Our Fraternity believes strongly in promoting the development of healthy relationships, healthy environments and the development of our members academically, socially, and professionally. We are opposed to any activity that could be considered mentally, physically, or emotionally unsafe. The Fraternity strongly believes in protecting the health and safety of our members, pledges, and guests.

Every chapter is required to complete training on the Health and Safety Policy each year. This training is usually provided by your District Counselor with your chapter or the chapters in your district, but may also be provided for brothers at large by the Grand Health and Safety Officer or another professional designated by the Supreme Council. If you have not yet completed this training during this academic year, your chapter should reach out to your district counselor for more information.

In addition, the Star Chapter Award program requires additional training for a chapter to be eligible for a two-star or three-star award. Most colleges and universities offer numerous options for the organizations on campus to get training on topics like drug and alcohol safety, prevention of relationship violence, and eliminating hazing.

Notes from the N.O.



National Office Reminders

Pledge reporting and paperwork—Check out the guides on the Alpha Chi Sigma [Website!](#)

It is not too early to start filling out the required annual paperwork and working towards Star Chapter Awards! See all of the requirements and links to the paperwork here, in [one handy list](#).

Calendar of Events

[Pflaum Chapter Advisor Award](#) - nominations due March 1st

[Alpha Chi Sigma Scholar Award](#) - nominations due March 20th.

Upcoming Training Sessions for Officers

Q&A - IRS 990N e-postcard filing and Chapter Audit

March 30, 2026 at 8pm Eastern: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/d6WLS4SVRz6kKNKPJn9vUg>

Q&A - Collegiate Chapter Annual Reporting

Tuesday, April 14, 2026 at 9pm Eastern: https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/dG_8LMlyQQqZ3i3zW5uK-w

Or

Wednesday, April 22, 2026 at 8pm Eastern: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/yEPPULtRg2xclldySf7nQ>

Taxes & Annual Paperwork due May 15



Alpha Chi Sigma by the Numbers

As of this writing the Fraternity has initiated **81,703** members since its founding in 1902.

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

53 Active Collegiate Chapters **4** Active Collegiate Group **6** Active Professional Chapters **5** Active Professional Groups



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