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February 2026



The 58th Biennial Conclave

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

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Conclave is Coming!

Every two years, Alpha Chi Sigma holds our Biennial Conclave. This is a week-long meeting where the members of the Grand Chapter (Supreme Council, District Counselors, Professional Representatives, and Delegates chosen by each Collegiate and Professional Chapter) conduct the business of the Fraternity. This includes making amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws, setting expectations for activities of the organization for the next two years, and voting for the next Supreme Council. This is also an important leadership development and professional event—attendees can attend forums and discussions where they learn more about how to address issues at the chapter level, share ideas and best practices, and learn about the National organization. There are also opportunities for professional networking and development, through organized events and informal opportunities to speak with professional brothers from a wide variety of backgrounds.

We're excited that we've finally been able to announce that this summer's 58th Biennial Conclave will be held at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, MN on July 16-21. Your chapter will be given instructions on how to select your delegate and how to register. Every chapter is required to send one delegate, but I encourage you to attend if you are able. As always, please don't hesitate to reach out to your DC or any member of the SC if you have any questions!

A Message *from the GCA*



From the Grand Collegiate Alchemist

I'm not sure about how your year has started, but on my campus, the month of January felt like it lasted an extra couple weeks. Even still, I feel like I'm rushing all day long trying to keep up with everything. This spring, I'm continuing my work to better understand what we can do at the national level to support our members. While our budget doesn't allow me to come see everyone in person, Chapter officers should keep an eye out for a scheduling email to let me know when I can visit your chapter meeting via Zoom. I'll also be coming to talk about Conclave and encourage everyone to attend.

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GCA Matt Schnippert

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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 “to 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!

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Spring Pledge Recording Seminar

The National Office is hosting a Zoom session on Pledge Reporting on February 10. It will be at 8:30 Eastern. There will be a brief tutorial of the Pledge Reporting process, followed by a Q&A. All Officers are welcome to attend. Please use [this link](#) to register. Not only are these webinars a great opportunity for current officers to ensure they know all of the important steps in the process of reporting new members, it's also a chance for those interested in becoming a chapter officer to learn more about the responsibilities of their position.



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ACS Meeting

American Chemical Society Message from the Grand Professional Alchemist

Alpha Chi Sigma and the American Chemical Society have similar values. Both organizations aspire to advance chemistry and aid its practitioners. Alpha Chi Sigma, though, has one additional value that is at the core of who we are, and that is “To bind its members with a tie of true and lasting friendship.”

Each year the American Chemical Society hosts two national meetings. Alpha Chi Sigma members in attendance can easily get lost in the sea of chemists at these meetings making the cultivation of friendships outside of their own chapter, a difficult task. We want to help members network and converse about chemistry and Alpha Chi Sigma at the Spring 2026 meeting in Atlanta, GA. We are providing multiple opportunities to make this a reality.

The first opportunity is to join a GroupMe. GroupMe is a free group messaging app for iOS, Android, and web that simplifies connecting with groups by allowing users to send messages, photos, GIFs, and files, make group calls, and share location, ideal for coordinating friends, family, school projects, or teams. It is free to use and works well at conferences to keep groups connected. If you are interested in being part of the GroupMe, list your phone number when completing the form at <https://forms.gle/Q1TkxxUyiMtr3bsd7>. This will allow us to make shout outs at the conference, post pictures of Alpha Chi Sigma members having fun, schedule impromptu meet-ups and meal partners, etc.

Second, we want you to be able to highlight your affiliation with Alpha Chi Sigma by obtaining an Alpha Chi Sigma/ACS Button that can be worn on your lanyard. GPA Faith Yarberry will send an email and GroupMe message with a location and time in the Conference Center where you can collect the button. Additionally, if you will let her know where to find you during the Undergraduate Poster Session or at Sci-Mix, by completing the form above, she would like to stop by and say hello.

The third opportunity is that all individuals who complete the [form](#) will receive an email with a list of fellow members that are presenting, the time of the presentation, location, and title of the presentation. This will allow us to support each other in their ambitions as chemists.

The last opportunity is through a Luncheon to be held on March 19th from 12-2 pm Eastern. We will plan to meet at Der Biergarten at [300 Marietta St. NW](#). I will be making reservations the day of the luncheon. Therefore, it is imperative that you complete the [form](#) and let me know that you will be attending. Everyone will be responsible for the cost of their food and drink. You will need to be prepared to pay the GPA by cash, check, CashApp or Zelle.

We look forward to wonderful conversations and chemistry in Atlanta!



Back to Basics - Conclave Delegates

At Conclave each biennium, each chapter is represented by a Conclave Delegate, elected by your chapter. The National Office will be reaching out to chapters soon about selecting and reporting your Conclave delegate and alternates. Some things to consider: 1) Your chapter delegate and alternate(s) need to be able to attend the entirety of Conclave, 2) Your chapter can have more than one person attend Conclave, but there is only one voting delegate, 3) The delegate needs to be someone who will be coming back to the chapter in the fall, so that they can report back to the chapter.

Selection of your delegate is important! They will be voting on legislation and the new Supreme Council at Conclave. They will be the voice of your chapter in the Grand Chapter. They will attend every legislative session and forum. They will be responsible for reporting back to the chapter about what was decided at Conclave, what they learned, and what ideas they got from Conclave.

Attending Conclave as a chapter delegate is a big responsibility, but it is also a fun and rewarding experience. All attendees of Conclave get an opportunity to interact with the Supreme Council and the other members of the Grand Chapter (District Counselors, Professional Representatives, and the delegates from the other chapters), plus the Order of Altotus and other brothers from across the country. To learn more about Conclave, you can check out the Conclave page on the National Website at <https://alphachisigma.org/biennialconclave/>.

From the **PROFESSIONAL** *Branch*



Professional Development Opportunities

The Professional Representatives will be offering a variety of Professional Development Opportunities in the Spring of 2026. The first topic is **Financial Planning for the Future** which will be offered by Morgan Stanley on Tuesday, February 24th, at 5:30 pm Eastern Time. You can register for the event on Zoom at <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/91234567890>.

March, April, and May will focus on Conclave preparation. Look for more details in the near future. What topics would you like us to provide? Email GPA@alphachisigma.org with your ideas.



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125th Anniversary Celebration Survey

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Alpha Chi Sigma will turn 125 in 2027. Per Motion 22 passed at the 56th Biennial Conclave, a celebration will be held in Madison, Wisconsin. The Supreme Council would like feedback from our Brothers to help us gauge interest and plan for this event. Completing the survey does not register you for attendance. [Click here to complete the survey.](#)



Alpha Chi Sigma by the Numbers

As of this writing the Fraternity has initiated **81,659** members since its founding in 1902.

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

53 Active Collegiate Chapters **3** Active Collegiate Group **6** Active Professional Chapters **5** Active Professional Groups



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