

THE Chrome and BLUE of ALPHA CHI SIGMA



November 2025

From the Grand Collegiate Alchemist

November is one of my favorite times in the fraternity as it brings back some of my favorite memories from initiations and district conclaves. In my time in the fraternity, I've had the opportunity to visit many chapters and attend all kinds of initiations. It's always a fun experience to take a car load of brothers from your chapter to visit a nearby chapter's initiation. Some chapters need to do this because one of their pledges can't make their own initiation date, but it's also something you can do just to see how the other chapter presents their initiation. If you're not already in communication with the chapters in your district, reach out to your District Counselor to get their contact information. That way you can find out when and where they're holding initiation - and you can let them know you're interested in attending. If your district hasn't yet held a district conclave this year, we're hoping that more will be able to occur this spring. This is a great opportunity for the brothers throughout the district to get together and learn more about the fraternity and your fellow members. These are usually one-day events where everyone meets at one campus for discussions, presentations, and fun activities. If your chapter is interested in hosting the chapters of your district, please reach out to your district counselor to let them know! I've met so many great people over the years at district conclaves. Some of those people are still close friends more than twenty years later!

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GCA Matt Schnippert

Gamma Beta 2003



Conclave Award Nominations

As you approach the end of the fall semester, keep an eye out for reminders of the expiration dates for awards that are selected by the Fraternity in the spring and given out at Conclave. Almost every chapter has a deserving brother to nominate for the Alpha Chi Sigma Scholar award or a great chapter advisor to nominate for the Ronald T. Pflaum Outstanding Chapter Advisor award. Check out the descriptions at <https://alphachisigma.org/conclave-awards/> and watch for social media updates or emails from your District Counselor.



Brotherhood For Life

ALPHA CHI SIGMA IS A PROFESSIONAL FRATERNITY DEDICATED TO PROMOTING CHEMISTRY AND THE CHEMICAL SCIENCES.

Alpha Chi Sigma has supported the ambitions of professionals in the chemical sciences for over 123 years. Our fraternity is gender inclusive and we take pride in our diverse membership.

Our New Website

Hopefully, you and your brothers have seen the new and greatly improved

AlphaChiSigma.org website. We're proud to provide an up-to-date resource for our members as well as prospective members and the community as a whole.



Read the newest HEXAGON Online

The fraternity's Journal The HEXAGON of Alpha Chi Sigma has a new issue published four times a year. Not only is a copy mailed home to our active members, but you can view The HEXAGON online at <https://www.alphachisigmahexagon.com/>. You can sign up there to receive alerts about new editions and you can look at past editions going back several years.



GCA Listening Sessions

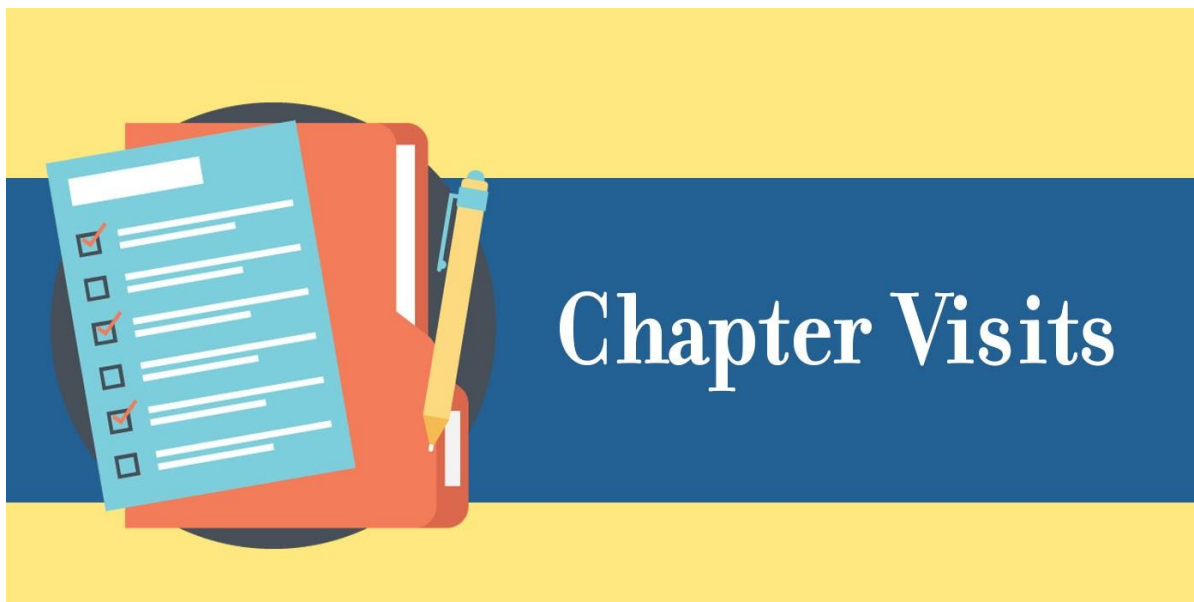
I held the first of several listening sessions on Mole Day to meet with collegiate members like you. I want to answer any questions you may have about the fraternity as a national organization and help you figure out how to approach your chapter's challenges. Most importantly, I want to get a chance to meet you and to hear your ideas. These listening sessions will run for two hours on various nights over the rest of the semester. Click on the links below to register for each specific night.

Thursday 11/6 from 9-11pm [Link](#)

Monday 11/10 from 8-10pm [Link](#)

Thursday 11/20 from 7-9pm [Link](#)

Tuesday 12/2 from 7-9pm [Link](#)



Chapter Visits

Each year, every chapter should be visited by their District Counselor or a professional member visiting on their behalf. The goal of this visit is to see how the chapter is doing and what help we can provide. To get a snapshot of where things are, the DC will fill out a visit report. There are two reports - one for visits at initiation time and one for all other visits. These are long, detailed forms that are designed to give us a full picture of the chapter. As a group of intelligent, high-achieving students, it's easy to be intimidated by these reports and feel like you're being graded. These visits are being done to help your chapter grow, not to catch you doing something wrong. Rather than being nervous that your chapter will get in trouble, instead, view this as an opportunity to get new ideas to solve the problems your chapter has faced. By being open with your DC and asking questions, it will give them a better opportunity to help you. It shouldn't come as a surprise that none of our chapters is perfect and every chapter has room to improve. We don't expect to see a chapter marked as excellent in every way - and sometimes a single visit doesn't showcase your chapter in the light that you'd hope for. After your visit, you can expect for your DC to discuss the visit with your officers and to give them pointed feedback on what they think your chapter most needs. Sometimes, the chapter can design a plan to address their challenges and sometimes the DC will work with you to guide your growth. If you have questions about these visits, please reach out to your DC or to the GCA and they'll be happy to discuss them!



Chapter Advisors

Reminder to Chapters—Process for Appointment of Chapter Advisors

As a reminder to chapters—per the Constitution and Bylaws, the Chapter Advisor is appointed by the District Counselor upon the chapter's recommendation. If you have a Chapter Advisor who is stepping down or already has, please make sure you are communicating with your DC about the replacement. Your DC definitely wants your input, as you know the faculty and staff at your school best, and probably have a good idea who among them are already brothers of Alpha Chi Sigma or would be willing to initiate and serve as Chapter Advisor; but the official appointment is made by the DC. Then, the chapter does need to provide an updated chapter officer list to the National Office with the new CA contact information after the appointment has been made.

Dates & Events



Upcoming Events

Social Media and LinkedIn Workshop with PR Eric Puhlmann: November 9 at 7PM Eastern
[Register Here](#)

Join us 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. Anyone planning to attend needs to [register at this link](#).



Alpha Chi Sigma by the Numbers

As of this writing the Fraternity has initiated **81,133** members since its founding in 1902.

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

54 Active Collegiate Chapters **2** Active Collegiate Group **6** Active Professional Chapters **5** Active Professional Groups



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