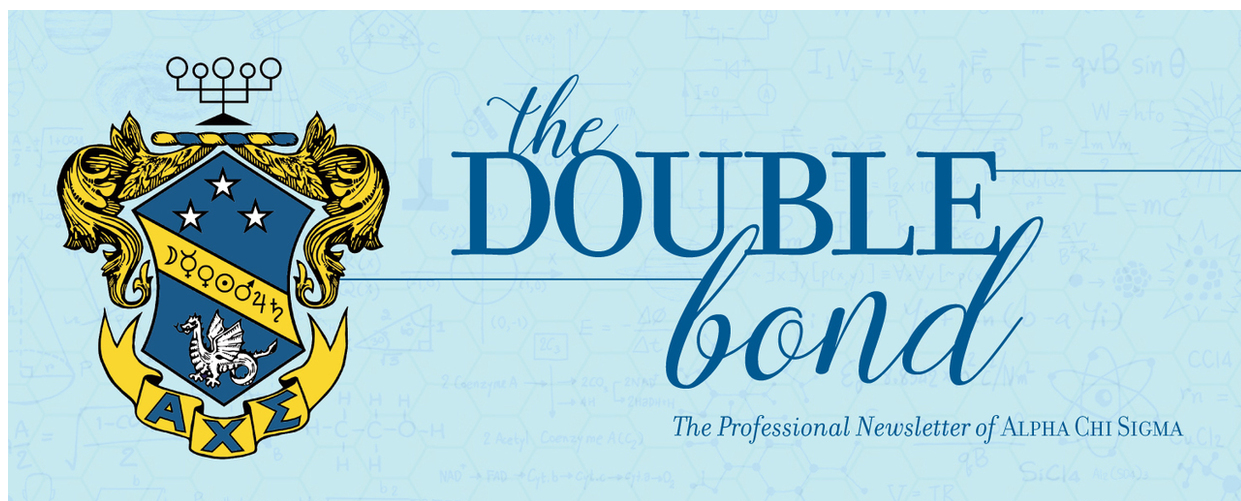




The Double Bond: The Professional Newsletter of Alpha Chi Sigma



A Message from the Grand Professional Alchemist

The Summer Supreme Council Meeting took place July 17th - 20th in Indianapolis, IN. The meeting involved legislation as well as District Counselor training. A key piece of legislation that was passed included a new Health and Safety Policy. District Counselors and the Grand Health and Safety Officer will be providing training on the new policy this fall. Other highlights from the meeting included: presentations by Holmes Murphy, Morgan Stanley, and members of the National Office, as well as ice breakers and Health and Safety Case Studies. It was a packed couple of days but attendees learned a lot and enjoyed each other's company.

Yours in the Double Bond,

GPA Faith Yarberry
Alpha Sigma, 1992



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The Grand Professional Alchemist needs your help

Do you know of a good restaurant that is reasonably priced within 2-3 blocks of the Convention Center in Atlanta, GA? The Spring 2026 National American Chemical Society Meeting will be held in Atlanta, GA. One event of the spring meeting is an Alpha Chi Sigma Luncheon. The GPA needs the assistance of members to recommend a restaurant. If you have recommendations, please email GPA@alphachisigma.org by the end of August.



From the Grand Historian

Fraternal Memories from Mitch Levings, GH

On August 29, 2005 Hurricane Katrina slammed into the upper Gulf Coast, causing significant destruction to the entire region. The devastation in the New

Orleans area caused an extended closure of many area businesses including the universities. The Brothers of Loyola's Gamma Rho Chapter came through the category 3 storm unharmed, but many had to relocate to other universities for the semester. Brothers from around the country posted on the fraternity's website their universities' policies on taking in displaced students along with offers to help find housing and other assistance. A scheduled October installation ceremony for Gamma Rho Chapter had to be postponed until the university returned to a normal schedule. Before the hurricane hit, the Supreme Council had given Gamma Rho authorization to pledge and initiate qualified candidates from nearby Xavier University, Dillard University and Tulane University, but with all the area universities closed, Gamma Rho wouldn't be exercising their authority.

From the **PROFESSIONAL** *Branch*



Introducing your Professional Representatives

This year, each issue of the Double Bond will feature a PR who is working to make our fraternity better and promote the 3 objects in the professional branch. This month, we highlight brother Sandy Lukaszewski-Rose!



Hello Brothers! If you have attended Conclave, then we have probably crossed paths. If you have not attended a Conclave, WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?? My name, Sandy Lukaszewski-Rose, is usually mangled during roll call, but after multiple sessions, people get the hang of it. My initiation was with Alpha Theta at the University of Iowa in 1995. We like to joke that I am always 27, but now the math isn't mathing anymore!

I was initiated during my first year of grad school, in the spring. Many others initiated in the fall, but I took more convincing to join. What caught my attention was a visit from some national brothers. I saw that this wasn't just an organization of my fellow grad students, but a whole network of chemists. In summer 1996, I attended my first Conclave as the Alpha Theta delegate and then I was hooked! Over time, I found out that it is okay (and common) to be a casual active professional member. I didn't have to spend a lot of time doing AXS things; it was okay to just attend dinner meetings and go to Conclave every two years. AXS is always waiting patiently for you to come back and see your brothers again!

Over the years, I have asked many of you why you like AXS or why you attended a national conclave or district conclave. The most common answer is the bond of friendship. Some of you younger brothers may think that AXS was just your college thing, but trust me, there are more brothers out there wanting to meet you and learn from you. I know the majority of us are introverts and it is a BIG step to go to a meeting or dinner (or conclave) with strangers, but please trust your brothers and you will soon find new friends! (I can't promise that they won't stop being strange though!)

I currently teach Organic Chemistry at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. I enjoy reading, creating art, and going to shows and concerts. My daughter will be starting at High Point University in North Carolina this fall, which is weird since I'm only 27!



Professional Brother Spotlight

Brother Sera graduated from UC Berkeley where she was initiated into the Sigma Chapter of Alpha Chi Sigma in 1994. She currently has two master's degrees from the University of Bordeaux: one in viticulture and oenology and the second is in chemical analysis with a focus on the oenological process. She has had a successful career in oenology in California, Japan, and France.

Earlier this year, she had defended her doctoral thesis in oenology at the University of Bordeaux. In her project, she applied many analytical methods but in particular HPLC-FLD and GC-tandem MS/MS to study compound release over time by Champagne reserve wine lees, the sediment that settles to the bottom of tanks and barrels, and how they contribute to the quality of aging. Despite (or perhaps due to) many technical problems that arose, she was able to make it one of the most memorable presentations for her department! After all was said and done, there was no more fitting of a celebration than with the very subject of her thesis – champagne!



At home, Brother Goto enjoys pilates and cartography in her spare time though her biggest love of her free time is being a mother to her daughter who just recently celebrated her own achievement – her 8th birthday!

Do you enjoy the Member Spotlight? Consider being highlighted in the Double Bond. The process is simple. Complete the short survey at <https://forms.gle/yL7McAF2rJfVZiur6> and send a picture to the GPA at GPA@alphachisigma.org.



Chocolate Pecan Pie by PR Mic Le

There's a day for everything and August 20th happens to be Chocolate Pecan Pie Day! Folks love pecan pie and this twist with chocolate chips adds a nice new layer to a classic dessert. This one comes from my own book of personal recipes which I don't normally share with anyone!

You can easily make the pie crust at home especially if you have a food processor but in the wise words of Ina Garten, store bought is fine.

Pie Crust – Prep time: 10 minutes (plus 1-2 hours refrigeration)

1½ c flour
½ tbs white sugar
½ tsp salt
½ stick butter, unsalted, cubed and chilled
¼ c shortening, chilled
~4 tbs ice water

1. In a bowl, mix together the flour, sugar and salt
2. Cut in the chilled butter and shortening using a fork until crumbly
-- If using a food processor, just throw it all in and pulse --
3. Gradually add 1 tbs of ice water at a time continue to mix until combined
4. Cover in wrap and refrigerate for 1-2 hours

Filling – Prep time: 15 minutes; bake time: ~ 60 minutes

½ stick butter, unsalted
½ to 1 c chocolate chips, semisweet
3 eggs, lightly whisked
2/3 c corn syrup, light or dark
½ c brown sugar, light
1 tbs cocoa powder, unsweetened
1 tbs vanilla extract
½ tsp salt
1½ c pecans, rough chopped

1. Preheat oven to 350o F
2. Roll out pie crust for a 9-inch baking dish
3. In a small pan, melt butter and half of the chocolate chips and set aside to cool slightly
4. In a bowl, combine whisked eggs, corn syrup, sugar, cocoa, salt, vanilla extract until smooth
5. Stir in chopped pecans and the remaining chocolate chips
6. Stir in the melted chocolate/butter until combined
7. Pour into crust
8. Bake on the center rack for 60-65 minutes until set in the middle. Let cool for at least 2 hours on a wire rack before serving

Enjoy!!

Dates & Events



Important Dates

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.



We Want to Hear from You!

What information would you like to see made available in the Double Bond. Let the GPA know at gpa@alphachisigma.org.



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