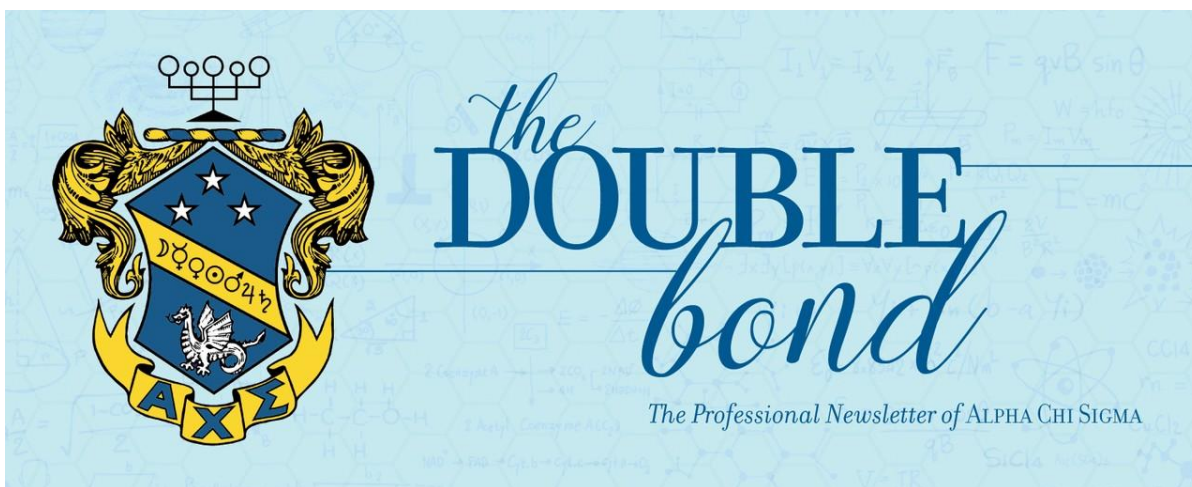




August 2026

Message from the Grand Professional Alchemist

It is my honor to serve you as the Grand Professional Alchemist for a second biennium. During the 2024-2026 biennium, I had the opportunity to reach out and check-in with Brothers that were no longer active with the Fraternity. Their stories are inspiring, and a common thread is they have not forgotten their time in Alpha Chi Sigma, but simply had lost connection with members of the organization. This biennium, my primary goal is to continue connecting with our members - both active and inactive. Additionally, I plan to strive to increase the number of active Professional Groups and Professional Chapters by connecting those members through meet and greet opportunities.

Finally, I plan to increase revenue streams. Collegiate members currently shoulder 85% of our operating budget as a Fraternity. We, as professionals, cannot let that continue. If individuals that are attending college can carry so much of the burden, then Professional Members, that have jobs, should be able to meet and surpass the amount afforded by Collegiates by donating to the Fraternity that we all love.

Remember that donating to the Fraternity determines whether you are considered an active professional member or an inactive professional member. One of the benefits of being an active member is the right to vote on who the Professional Representatives will be. Active means that you donated after the solicitation came out in the Fall but prior to the next solicitation. To be able to vote in the 2026 Professional Representative election, it means that you must have donated after the solicitation was released in the Fall of 2026 and before December 15, 2026.

Yours in the Double Bond,

Faith Yarberry, Grand Professional Alchemist

From the **PROFESSIONAL** *Branch*



Opportunities for Connecting at National Meetings, Regional Meetings, and District Conclaves:

Fall 2026 American Chemical Society Meeting

Alpha Chi Sigma and the American Chemical Society have similar values. Both organizations

aspire to advance chemistry and aid its practitioners. We want to help our Brothers network and converse about chemistry and Alpha Chi Sigma at the Fall 2026 meeting in Chicago, IL. The contact for this meeting is GPA Faith Yarberry. If you are attending, please complete the form at <https://forms.gle/jKgoYSYjVG4eM2t57>. Faith will have buttons to pass out to aid in recognizing fellow Brothers, a list of symposium/poster talks will be sent in advance to encourage Brothers to attend each other's talks, a social hour will be scheduled if attending Brothers are interested, and there will be a GroupMe to interact throughout the conference.

2026 AIChE Annual Meeting

Will you be attending the AIChE Annual Meeting in Minneapolis, MN, November 8th 12th? The contact for this conference is Katherine Ellis. Please complete the form at <https://forms.gle/ZKKSf7xvMM8dHZJp8>. There will be several ways to connect. First, there will be a GroupMe to help everyone stay connected. Second, we have buttons to distribute to aid in recognizing one another. Third, if you are presenting, we would like for you to provide that information so that we can spread the word.. Finally, are you interested in a Social Hour? If you join the GroupMe and if enough individuals are interested, we will get something scheduled.

2026 S-STEM Scholars and PI Meeting

Will you be attending the 2026 S-STEM Scholars and PI Meeting in Washington, D.C., October 9th - 11th? The contact for this conference is Faith Yarberry. Please complete the form at <https://forms.gle/MN4n1nrW2S3PfTDS8>. There will be several ways to connect. First, there will be a group text to help everyone stay connected. Second, we have buttons to distribute to aid in recognizing one another. Third, if you are presenting, we would like for you to provide that information so that we can spread the word. Finally, are you interested in a Social Hour? If so, it will be from 6:00-9:00 pm on October 10th with Brothers from the Washington Pro Chapter. Additional information about the social will be given through the group text.



Online Social Hour

The sixth Online Professional Group meeting (Social Hour) is scheduled for September 16, 2026, at 7:00 Central Time. You can register at <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/dcRnslg1QlubKimLBIIbEw>. We will be playing cards and socializing. I hope to see you there.



From the Grand Historian

Conclave by the Numbers

Over 150 Brothers have now returned from yet another successful biennial Conclave. Beta Chapter, at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, hosted the fraternity's 58th Conclave. This makes the third time Beta Chapter has welcomed the fraternity's biennial gathering. Alpha Chi Sigma first gathered on Christmas Lake, near Minneapolis for the 11th Conclave in 1930, returning 64 years later for the 42nd Conclave in 1994. Now, 32 years later, we were back on the UM Campus for the 58th Conclave. Three Conclaves in a single location is a rare occurrence. As you might expect, Madison, WI, leads the repeat locations with 6. The first four Conclaves were held in Madison before going to Evanston, IL (Upsilon at Northwestern) for the 5th Conclave in 1916. After Madison's six Conclaves, only Minneapolis and St. Louis have been visited three times. Eleven locations have hosted Conclave twice, leaving 23 locations plus one virtual experience to have hosted one.

If you've been doing the math, and you remember that the founding occurred on December 11, 1902, you could rightly note that 124 years comes to 62 biennia. . . . What happened to the other 4 biennia? The fraternity was founded in 1902, but it didn't incorporate until 1904 establishing the need for a board of directors (Supreme Council) and meetings of the corporation (Conclaves). The first attempt at a Conclave, in 1904, when the only chapters were Alpha and Beta, was such a dismal failure, the corporation chose not to count it. By 1906, Beta had gone inactive and the corporation was barely functioning, so no Conclave. During 1906, Founder J. H. Mathews was teaching at Case-Western, getting Gamma Chapter Chartered and reinvigorating the fraternity. By 1908, the fraternity had grown to 7 Chapters and was able to hold its first Conclave. Because of WW I, the 5th and 6th Biennia actually covered 6 years and because of WW II the 17th Biennium lasted four years. That's why it took 124 years to hold 58 Conclaves.



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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 the National Office](#). We would love for Professional Groups and Chapters to let us know when you are meeting so that we can help you advertise.



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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