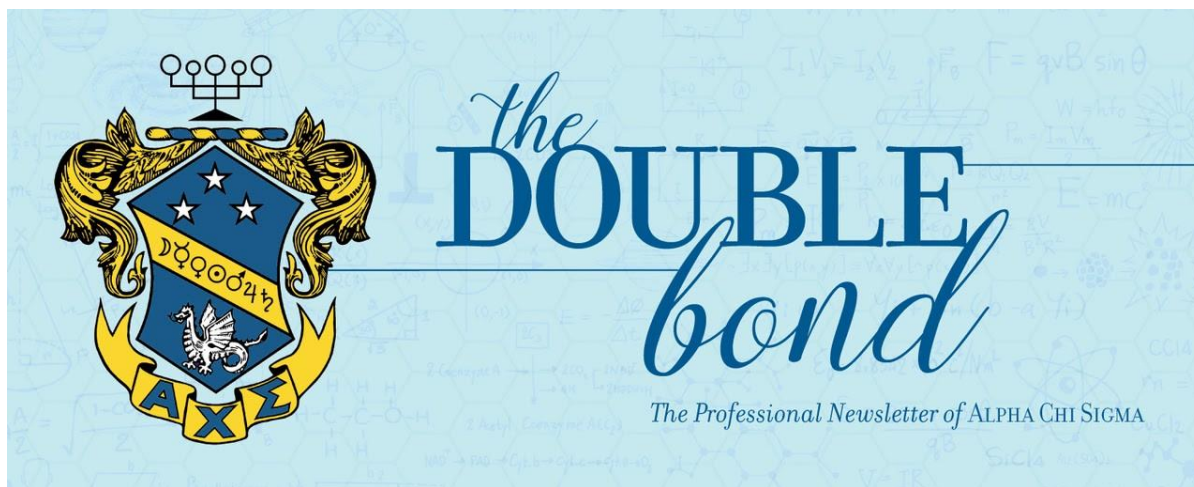




February 2026

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 at <https://forms.gle/Q1TkxxUyiMtr3bsd7>, she would like to stop by and say hello.

The third opportunity is that all individuals who complete the form at <https://forms.gle/Q1TkxxUyiMtr3bsd7> 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 24th 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 at <https://forms.gle/Q1TkxxUyiMtr3bsd7> and let me know that you will be attending. Everyone will be responsible for the cost of their food and drink.

We look forward to wonderful conversations and chemistry in Atlanta!

Yours in the Double Bond,

GPA Faith Yarberry, Alpha Sigma, 1992

A photograph of the University of Minnesota entrance gate, featuring two stone pillars and a red banner with the university's name. The University of Minnesota crest is centered above the banner. The foreground is filled with green plants and red and yellow flowers.

The 58th Biennial Conclave

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

Beta Chapter • University of Minnesota • Minneapolis, Minnesota

Official Conclave Announcement

The 58th Biennial Conclave will be held at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis July 16, 2026 through July 21, 2026. Keep reading the Double Bond and checking the Alpha Chi Sigma Facebook page for upcoming ticket information.



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/meeting/register/cVyeArHeTxGHoodwOckIIg>.

Continue to check back for March and April topics (one will likely be about Conclave).

What topics would you like us to provide? Email GPA@alphachisigma.org with your ideas.

From the
PROFESSIONAL
Branch



Ways to Engage with Brothers

The fifth Online Professional Group meeting (Social Hour) is scheduled for March 18, 2026, at 7:00 Central Time. You can register at <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/dcRnslg1QlubKimLBllbEw>. We will be playing cards and socializing. I hope to see you there.

The GPA is starting Dungeons and Dragons Campaigns. We will start with one shots. Interested individuals can register at <https://forms.gle/FciouW36bKj5Av688>.



Fraternal Memories from GH Mitch Levings:

Continuing with the series of Alpha Chi Sigma Founders and Builders, I want to recognize Harry A. Curtis. Curtis, was a senior in 1908 when J. H. Mathews' fledging expansion program set its sights on the University of Colorado. Curtis' involvement was key in establishing Eta Chapter at Colorado where he served as the chapter's first MA. Curtis stayed at Colorado for his Masters, received a PHD from Wisconsin and returned to Colorado to teach. He remained very active in the fraternity and in 1912 was elected Vice-GMA. As VGMA he worked closely with a group at Cal-Berkeley who wanted splinter away from the well-established Mim Kaph Mim chemical society to form Sigma Chapter of Alpha Chi Sigma. Curtis was also involved with changes to the fraternity's leadership structure, eliminating the Grand Master of Ceremonies position, creating the Grand Alumnus position and combining the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder into a single office. In 1914, Curtis was elected GMA, succeeding Mathews, serving two terms. Curtis' second term was extended by a year, as the entire SC was serving overseas in World War I. Because of SC unavailability, the 1918 Conclave had to be rescheduled to December 1919. At the end of his term as GMA, the fraternity created the position of Grand Historian and Curtis was appointed the first GH. As GH, Curtis poured through all the National Office records and compiled the history of the fraternity's first quarter century, publishing a hard-bound book, *A History of the Alpha Chi Sigma Fraternity 1902–1927*, which continues to be the definitive resource for the fraternity's early years. In 1923 he joined the faculty at Yale, (where he had helped establish Chi Chapter in 1914), as the university's first professor of Chemical Engineering. He led the transition of "industrial engineering" into what became the

Department of Chemical & Environmental Engineering. He was a prolific author of technical articles, research notes, covering chemical processes, mathematics, and various chemical compounds. From 1949 until his retirement in 1957, Curtis served on the board of directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority. Harry Curtis helped shape the early fraternity, picking up where founder J. H. Mathews left off, installing chapters from coast to coast and ensuring there would be fraternal activities for alumni after leaving school.



Professional Brother Spotlight

Hello brothers! My name is Lauren Abbott and I am honored to have the opportunity to serve the fraternity as a Professional Representative this year.

I was initiated into the Alpha Kappa chapter at the University of Virginia in the spring of 2013. Joining AXS was one of the best decisions of my life. Through the AK chapter, I was able to meet an amazing group of people with whom I was able to develop lasting friendships.

While I have only been an “active” member of the national professional branch for only a couple of years, I have been fortunate to remain very involved with the AK chapter after graduating into the professional branch. I currently serve as Vice President of the Alpha Kappa Alumni Foundation and I serve as a board member of the Alpha Kappa Housing Corporation.

Since becoming more involved in the National Professional Branch, I attended the last conclave in 2024. Additionally, I worked with a few brothers in the area to form the new Central Virginia Professional Group, which I am excited to build and expand this year.

Professionally, I received my B.Sc in Chemistry with a specialization in Materials Science in 2015. I am currently based in Richmond, Va and have spent the past 10 years working at Altria (a manufacturing company), performing in many different roles. My current role is Project Manager for Regulatory Submissions, but I've also had roles in Manufacturing Quality Assurance, Quality Compliance, and Laboratory services.

As PR, I am excited to explore ways to support our Professional Brothers through professional development and community building opportunities. I also hope to explore ways we as a professional branch can support those in the collegiate branch, whether it's through mentoring/career development programs, supporting initiation rituals, or assisting with conducting PIC for brothers about to graduate into the professional branch.

Would you be interested in being recognized in our Member Spotlight? If so, complete [this form](#). We would love to hear from you about your life since joining Alpha Chi Sigma.



Chemists Celebrate Earth Week

Chemists Celebrate Earth Week 2026 is April 19-25, 2026. The topic is: "Trees and Forests", with the theme being "Into the Woods with Chemistry." En Español it is: "Dentro del Bosque con la Química." The Celebrating Chemistry should be in the ACS Store soon and will cost \$15/box of 250 magazines. Celebrating Chemistry is designed for kids in 4th-6th grade, but is widely used for all ages. Some possible activities include leaf chromatography, crystal growth/crystal forests, and fizzing trees which is an acid/base demonstration.



ALPHA CHI SIGMA

2026 Scholar Award

Nomination packets must be submitted by March 20, 2026

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

2026 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.

Eligibility: 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://foundation.alphachisigma.org/awards-loans/scholar> for more information. Applications should be submitted to national@alphachisigma.org.



ALPHA CHI SIGMA

*125th Anniversary
Celebration Survey*

125th Anniversary Survey

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.](#)



Fraternity Donations

Every November you receive a request from Alpha Chi Sigma to donate to the health of the Fraternity. In that solicitation we indicate that a donation of \$100 is required to be considered active (\$50 for retired and new graduates). The timing of the solicitation is built around voting for Professional Representative, but I realize that this time can be challenging financially due to the holidays. One solution to this conundrum is to donate monthly to Alpha Chi Sigma which is easy to do on the website at <https://alphachisigma.org/donate> and you can set the date of the monthly donation. \$8.34/mos and you will be an active member. If you donate \$16.67/mos, you will have donated \$200 in 12 mos and if you donate \$20.84/mos you will have donated \$250 to the Fraternity over 12 mos. Finally, if you donate \$41.67/mos you will have donated \$500 to this beloved organization. By making monthly donations to Alpha Chi Sigma, you can see that donating to the Fraternity can be more easily achieved. I hope that many of you will consider this alternative to making donations more affordable even on a tight budget.

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.



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