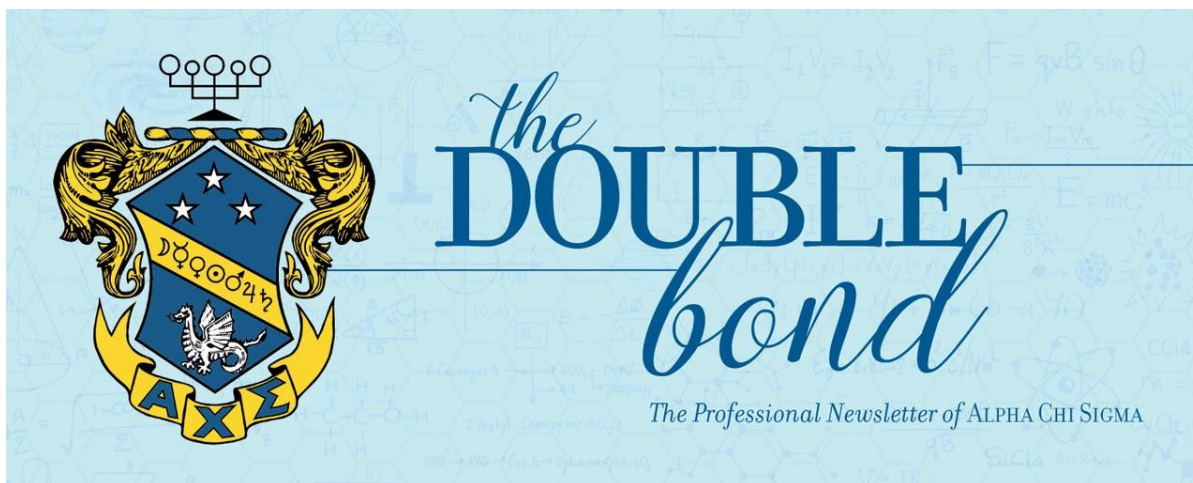




January 2026

**From the Grand Professional Alchemist**

Happy New Year!!!!

I wanted to take a moment to introduce the Professional Representatives.

Term Ending December 31, 2026:

Lauren Abbott, Alpha Kappa 2013

Bill Courtney, Delta 1991

Sandy Lukaszewski-Rose, Alpha Theta 1995

Heidi Sabatini, Gamma Delta 2019

Jen Schnippert, Gamma Beta 2003

Term Ending December 31, 2027:

Robert Duff, Gamma Iota 1996

Nichole Pawlowski, Gamma Psi 2011

Oliver Penrose, Gamma Theta 2003

Eric Puhlmann, Delta Delta 2017

Randi Ress, Gamma Nu 2008

Thank you to all who ran in 2026. We appreciate your willingness to serve and hope that, if you were not elected, you consider reaching out to [volunteers@alphachisigma.org](mailto:volunteers@alphachisigma.org) to serve on a committee.

Yours in the Double Bond,

GPA Faith Yarberry, Alpha Sigma, 1992

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# The 58<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conclave

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

Stayed tuned for the location reveal soon!

## Save the Date

The dates for the 2026 Conclave have been set. The dates are July 16, 2026 through July 21, 2026. Keep reading the Double Bond and checking the Alpha Chi Sigma Facebook page for the announcement of the location.



## Online Professional Group Meeting

The fourth Online Professional Group meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2026, at 7:00 Central Time. You can register at <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/dcRnslg1QlubKimLBllbEw>. I hope to see you there.



**Inquiry by the Professional Representatives and GPA:**

The Professional Representatives will be building the Professional Development Opportunities they offer in the Spring of 2026 soon. What topics would you like us to provide? Email [GPA@alphachisigma.org](mailto:GPA@alphachisigma.org) with your ideas.



### **Fraternal Memories from GH Mitch Levings:**

We just held another successful Founders Day Zoom session. For five consecutive Founders Days it has been my privilege to emcee this online event. It is appropriate and even important that we take a day each year to recognize and remember the nine Wisconsin undergrads that came together and formed a professional chemistry fraternity. It was a lot of work, it took a lot of vision and research and tremendous effort to create the mission, symbology, structure and organization that would become Alpha Chi Sigma, Professional in the Chemical Sciences. It was very much a team effort. Coming out of that first meeting in Howard Mathews' boarding house room task lists were identified, committees created, activities were assigned and every one contributed. It's this effort that we celebrate and appreciate every December 11, but it strikes me that as important as the founding was, that's not the end of the story. Once the nine founders gave birth to the baby, it had to be fed, nurtured and raised if it were to grow and thrive. This is where other brothers have stepped up over the ensuing 123 years to perform extraordinary feats that either advanced the order or impeded its decline. I'll refer to these exceptional Brothers as the Founders and Builders of the fraternity. Over the next several months, I'll choose one of these remarkable Brothers to expound on their impact on the fraternity. Some of the names will be familiar, if for no other reason there's an award named after them. Some names may have faded from memory but their contributions still deserve recognition.

The first recognition goes to both Founder and Builder, Joseph Howard Mathews. It was Matty that first came up with the idea of chemistry fraternity. Matty pitched the idea to his good friend and classmate Joe Holty and then to pharmacy student Alfred Kundert. This trio became the core of the organization and recruited the other six to join them. Once the fraternity had become established at Wisconsin, Matty took a teaching position at Case

where he identified a group of chemistry students to mold into the Gamma chapter. Upon returning to Madison, Mathews took on the role of GMA, serving for three biennia. While GMA, Mathews focused on expanding the fraternity adding 14 chapters. Mathews would go on to become head of the Chemistry Department at Wisconsin, and become world renown for his expertise with firearms for developing forensic methods to identify firearms used in crimes. Throughout the fraternity's early years, Mathews remained involved as an advisor to succeeding Supreme Councils.

Joseph Howard Mathews was not only primarily responsible for the founding of Alpha Chi Sigma, but his continued involvement ensured its continuity and growth.



### **Professional Brother Spotlight**

If you would like to be recognized in our Member Spotlight, [complete this form](#).





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# ACS Meeting

## Spring 2026 National 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. 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 three opportunities.

The first opportunity is to highlight your affiliation with Alpha Chi Sigma by obtaining an Alpha Chi Sigma/ACS Button that can be worn on your lanyard. Let GPA Faith Yarberry know where to find you during the Undergraduate Poster Session or at Sci-Mix by completing this [form](#) so that she may stop by. If you are not presenting at either of these events, let her know that as well and we can work out a place to meet to obtain a button.

The second opportunity is that all individuals who complete this [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.

The third opportunity is through the Alpha Chi Sigma Luncheon to be held on 3/19 from 12-2 pm. Check the February and March edition of the Double Bond for the location and to register.

We look forward to wonderful conversations and chemistry in Atlanta!

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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](mailto: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](mailto:national@alphachisigma.org).

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# ALPHA CHI SIGMA

*125<sup>th</sup> 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.](#)

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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 [national@alphachisigma.org](mailto:national@alphachisigma.org).



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