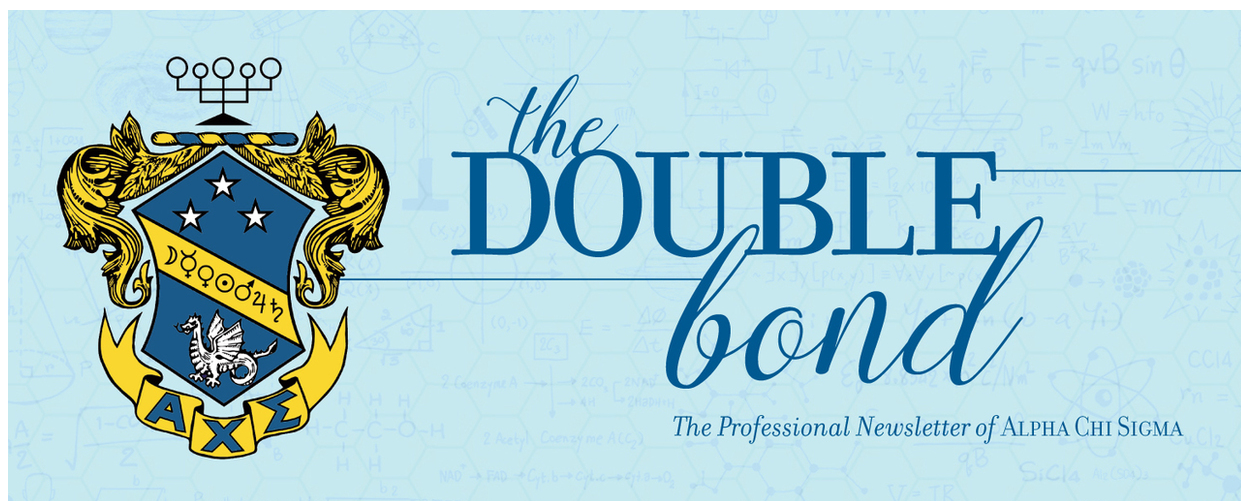




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## The Double Bond: The Professional Newsletter of Alpha Chi Sigma

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### **A Message from the Grand Professional Alchemist**

The Fraternity is currently accepting applications for nominations for Professional Representatives. Professional Representatives (PRs) are fraternity brothers who are no longer active with a collegiate chapter. Professional Representatives are at-large members that provide a voice for non-collegiate members to the Grand Chapter and the Supreme Council. Additionally, PRs work on a variety of fraternity projects, which are either self-generated or assigned by the Supreme Council.

Applicants must be an active member of the professional branch. If the applicant is not currently an active member, they must become one prior to August 1st and remain one through their term if elected. All levels of experience are welcome to apply. If elected, the individual will serve from Jan 1, 2026 to Dec 31, 2027.

For more information or to express desire to run, please contact [Nominations@alphachisigma.org](mailto:Nominations@alphachisigma.org) by July 1, 2025. Applicants will be screened prior to being considered for the ballot. We are targeting 10-12 nominees for the ballot with the top 5 vote receivers being elected to the Professional Representative position.

Yours in the Double Bond,



## From the Grand Historian

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

The much anticipated fraternity flag of Alpha Chi Sigma was unveiled to the public on June 10, 1946, at the Alpha Chi Sigma dinner during the ACS meeting in Chicago. The lack of a flag had been a discussion point among members of the Supreme Council and the topic came up at the 1940 Conclave. Alpha Iota chapter at the University of Pennsylvania took on the assignment to design the fraternal banner. After a year of working on various concepts, in June of 1941, a team from Alpha Iota came to the Turkey Run District Conclave. Three designs were presented and one was selected with full credit for the design being given to John Baer of Alpha Iota. It turned out that going from design to prototype was more difficult than one would think. Because of World War II resource reallocation to the war effort, getting a civilian flag made was not a national priority. Even after the war ended, a number of delays kept pushing back the delivery. Plans were laid to introduce the flag at the 1946 Conclave in St. Louis but because of production problems at the factory, Artcraft Manufacturing Company did not deliver the flag until several days after the close of Conclave. Since a Conclave debut was missed, the upcoming Alpha Chi Sigma dinner at the Chicago ACS meeting was the next best option.

While not an Alpha Chi Sigma event, it is none the less noteworthy that on June 22, 1908, just days before the start of Alpha Chi Sigma's second attempt at holding a biennial Conclave, another group of six chemical professionals

were meeting at the Engineers' Club in Philadelphia to formally and officially establish the American Institute of Chemical Engineers. The idea for AIChE was first proposed in a 1905 editorial in *The Chemical Engineer* magazine by Richard K. Meade. The idea took root among a number of chemical engineers, and after a lot of planning and presentations, the six chemical engineers completed the paperwork to create the Institute.

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## *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 Mic Le!

Hi! My name is Michael Le and I was initiated in the fall of 2009 at Gamma Iota. I served as a backup Vice Master Alchemist junior year followed by Master Alchemist my senior year. I remained in Blacksburg for another 2 years to help out the Chapter while becoming active within the Professional Branch. I'm an active member of the Washington DC Professional Chapter and have been serving as a Professional Representative for the last 3 years after the 56th Biennial Conclave in Blacksburg.



Professionally, my path has taken quite a funny and circuitous route. I actually started school in the College of Engineering studying Computer Science before transferring into College of Science after 3 years. I graduated with my degree in Biochemistry and minors in Computer Science and Gender Studies. After leaving Blacksburg and moving back up into Washington DC, I have been working in the IT world for the last \*cough\* decade \*cough\*.

On the personal side, I love board games and Magic the Gathering as well as baking and cooking. My specialty is cheesecake so definitely take the chance

to get me to make one! It doesn't take much to twist my arm to do so!

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## **Summer Safety Reminders from Alpha Chi Sigma**

As we head into the warmer months, we encourage all brothers to prioritize safety—both in and out of the lab. Whether you're working on research, attending conferences, or enjoying some well-deserved time off, remember to stay hydrated, use sun protection, and follow proper safety protocols in every setting. From chemical handling to outdoor adventures, vigilance keeps us all safe and thriving. Here's to a productive, safe, and enjoyable summer!

### **Top Summer Safety Tips**

Stay sharp, safe, and ready for anything this summer—whether you're in the lab or out in the sun:

- ☐ Use Sunscreen – Apply SPF 30+ and reapply every 2 hours, especially if you're sweating or swimming.
- ☐ Stay Hydrated – Carry a water bottle and aim for at least 8 glasses a day, more if you're active or in hot environments.
- ☐ Practice Lab Safety – Summer projects and internships often involve lab work—don't cut corners on PPE or protocols.
- ☐ Swim Smart – Never swim alone, know your limits, and always supervise children around water.
- ☐ Fireworks Awareness – Leave fireworks to the professionals—many injuries happen due to misuse and lack of protection.
- ✱ Beat the Heat – Take breaks in the shade, wear light clothing, and recognize signs of heat exhaustion or heat stroke.

☐ Travel Safely – Whether driving to a summer job or road-tripping, check your vehicle, wear your seatbelt, and avoid distractions.

☐ Nature Caution – Hiking or camping? Stay alert for wildlife, carry a first aid kit, and let someone know your plans

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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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## From The Editor



**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](mailto:gpa@alphachisigma.org).



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