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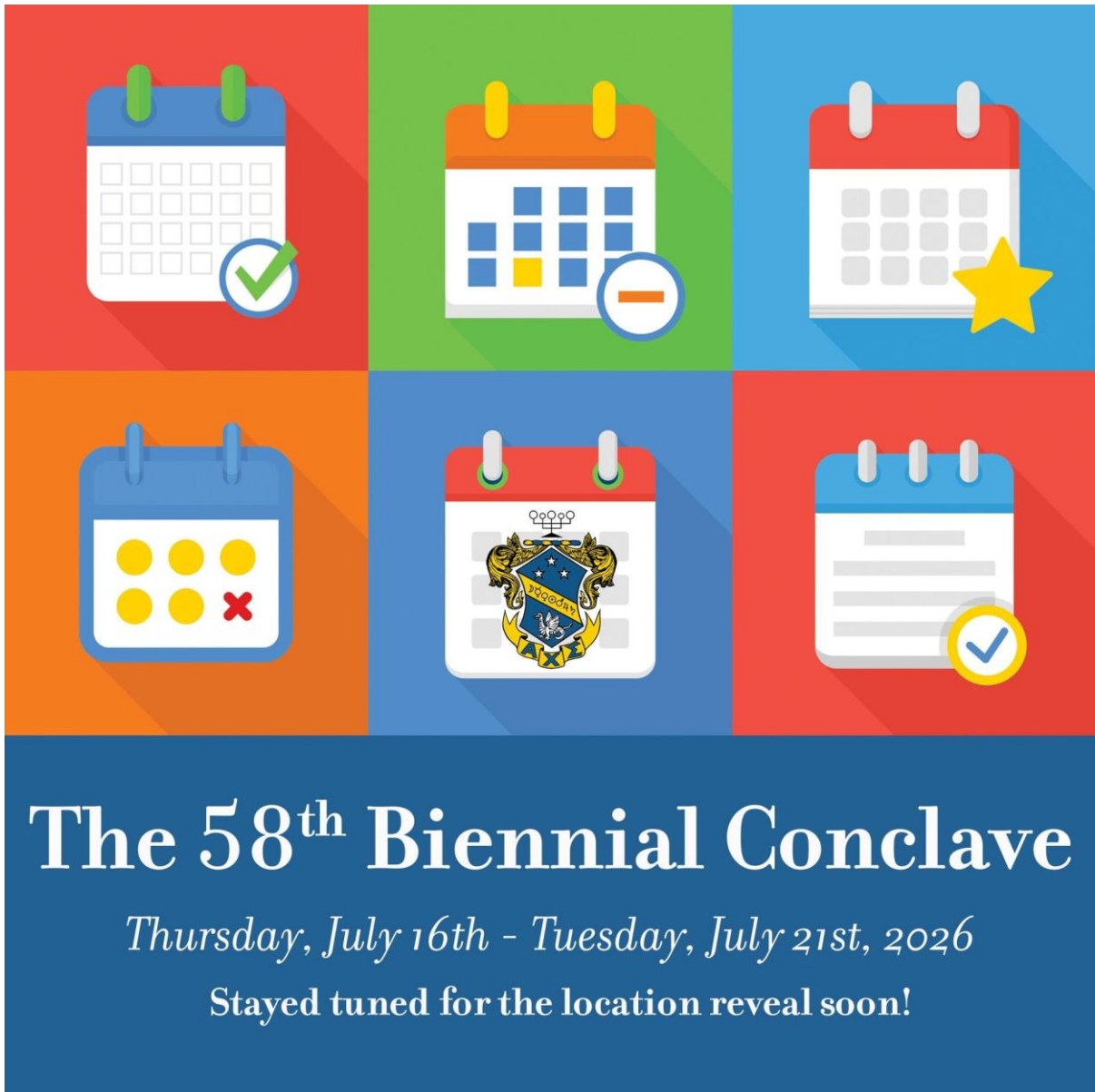
From the Grand Professional Alchemist

Voting for your 2026-2028 Professional Representatives is underway and will continue through December 15th. In order to be able to vote, you must be an active member of the Fraternity. In other words, you must have contributed to the financial health of the organization. If you are a recent graduate (within 5 years of graduation) or a retiree, that contribution is \$50 per year. For all other individuals, that contribution is \$100 per year. Contributions can be made on the [website](#) or by Venmo. Your contribution is used to run the organization, provide funding for programming such as *The HEXAGON* and the New Member Assistance Fund, and much more.

December 2nd is Giving Tuesday. Alpha Chi Sigma's Giving Tuesday campaign will once again feature our very popular Chapter Challenge. During this event, both Collegiate and Professional members are asked to donate. Donations as always can be made on our [website](#) or through Venmo. However members decide to donate, it's very important to identify their Chapter for the Chapter Challenge. Donations of any amount are encouraged (we can even take cents through Venmo). There will be 2 challenges. The first is for the total dollar amount in donations raised by a single Chapter, and the second is the total number of donations by a single Chapter. The National Office will keep tabs on what is donated and the winning chapter will be announced on the Alpha Chi Sigma Facebook page the following day.

Celebrate *Alpha Chi Sigma Founders Day* with us on Wednesday, December 11. Join Grand Historian Mitch Levings at 8:00 pm EST by [registering](#) for our Live Zoom Founders Day celebration. Mitch will regale us with stories of our beloved Fraternity and will host other *special guests* during the 2-hour celebration. Fresh off the success of #GivingTuesday, we're opening up *one more chance* to show your support and **celebrate 123 years** of Alpha Chi Sigma Brotherhood. We're inviting all Professional Brothers (and Collegiates, too!) to make a participation donation of **\$1.23** to recognize 123 years of our double bond. Feeling generous? How about bumping that number up to **\$19.02** to commemorate our founding year? Or even **\$190.02**! Gifts of any amount are welcomed and appreciated!

Yours in the Double Bond,



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.

From the PROFESSIONAL Branch



Online Professional Group Meeting

The third Online Professional Group meeting is scheduled for November 19, 2025 at 7:00 Central Time. You can register at <https://us06web.zoom.us/join/join?secret=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 with your ideas.



From the Grand Historian

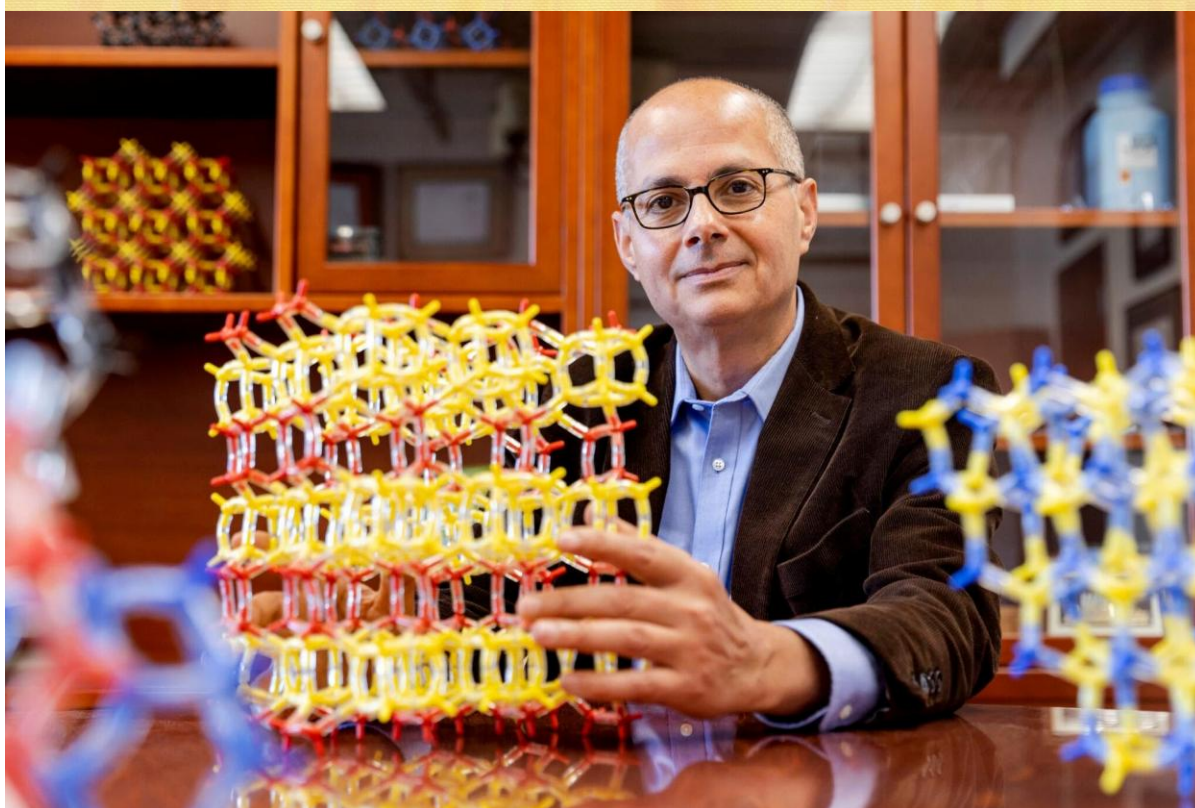
Fraternal Memories from GH Mitch Levings:

In the Constitution & Bylaws of the Alpha Chi Sigma Fraternity, the very first Bylaw states, “*Discrimination based on race, religion, sex, ethnicity, national origin, age, disability, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender expression, or gender identity is prohibited*”. That seems to be a pretty all-inclusive, common sense statement, but it has taken multiple revisions over multiple decades to get to that lofty declaration. In its early

days, Alpha Chi Sigma followed the template of nearly all Greek letter societies and restricted its membership to men who were "non-Semitic members of the Caucasian race". By the mid-1940s it had become obvious that membership restrictions were denying membership to a number of very talented Jewish chemists, and the chapters were wanting change. On November 21, 1947, the University of Colorado (home to Eta Chapter) Board of Regents adopted the Policy on Discriminatory Membership Requirements, giving all student organizations five years to open their membership to all students. The matter was taken up at the 1948 Conclave, where there were numerous, heated debates on how to change the Bylaw. Many delegates didn't want to stop at removing the non-Semitic portion, but wanted removal of the Caucasian requirement as well (It would take another eleven biennia before the male only requirement was challenged). The debates went long and passionate, as Conclave debates are prone to do, and by the end of the parliamentary maneuvering, the restrictive clause was reworded to "socially acceptable", and the whole matter was referred to committee. The Supreme Council thought they had bought some time to resolve the matter, but the delegate from Alpha Zeta Chapter at M.I.T was so dissatisfied with the way the Conclave handled membership qualifications that on November 18, 1948, with much fanfare and publicity, Alpha Zeta Chapter voluntarily returned their charter to the Grand Chapter. News of this action spread around the country with articles appearing in publications such as the Chicago Tribune, Los Angeles Times, New York Sun and others. A headline in the Nov. 19, 1948 Boston Herald stated, "M.I.T. Fraternity Resigns in Racial Protest". Unhappy with the negative publicity, the Membership Standards Committee, under the direction of GPA Merle Griffin worked with the chapters and universities to hammer out a membership qualification that met the needs of everyone. Membership qualifications were reworded at the 1950 and 1952 Conclaves. At Colorado, the five year grace period expired and, the Board of Regents held a review. The Board did not feel Alpha Chi Sigma's latest effort went far enough, so on January 14, 1953, the Committee ordered Eta Chapter to disband. It took more than a year of appeals and hearings, but the Board of Regents finally allowed Eta Chapter to reactivate on March 22, 1954. After the 1954 Conclave, racial restrictions were out of the Alpha Chi Sigma Bylaws, but many chapters were at universities that remained segregated until the late 1960s. It would be 30 years before Alpha Zeta returned to the active chapter roll on April 30, 1978. The current nondiscrimination Bylaw seems like the perfect position statement. . . for now. We've thought that before.



PROFESSIONAL BROTHER SPOTLIGHT



Professional Brother Spotlight

Omar Yaghi (Beta Omega '94), Susumu Kitagawa, and Richard Robson were awarded the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 2025. These scientists designed molecular structures with large internal spaces that allow gases and other substances to pass through. These structures, known as metal–organic frameworks (MOFs), have a wide range of applications — from collecting water from desert air and capturing carbon dioxide to storing harmful gases and speeding up chemical reactions.

Do you have something exciting happening? Would you like to be recognized in our Member Spotlight? If so, complete [this form](#).

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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