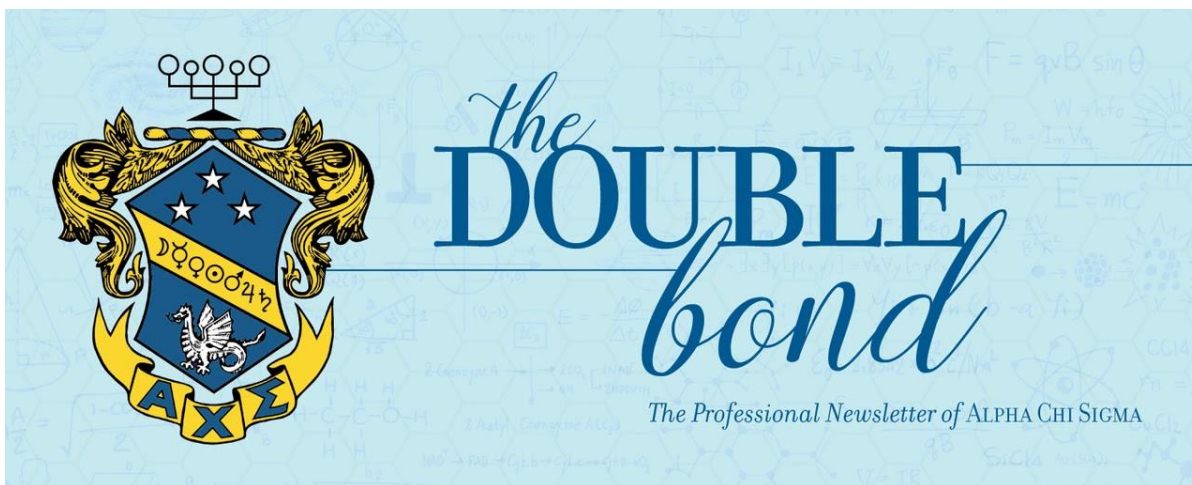




September 2025

From the Grand Professional Alchemist

Very soon you will have the opportunity to vote for individuals to serve as your Professional Representatives for 2026-2028. 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. These contributions can be made in one donation or can be the result of monthly donations made throughout 2025. 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. Please help us continue to build this organization that has had a lifelong impact on so many lives.

Yours in the Double Bond,

GPA Faith Yarberry, Alpha Sigma, 1992



National Chemistry Week

National Chemistry Week, October 19th - 25th

The theme for this year's National Chemistry Week is "The Hidden Life of Spices." You can access various education resources including the NCW 2026 "Celebrating Chemistry" by going to <https://www.acs.org/education/national-chemistry-week/educational-resources.html>.

Are you planning an outreach event? Consider using spices as an indicator with the nice activity involving turmeric, baking soda, and rubbing alcohol found at <https://playofthewild.com/2020/05/10/turmeric-ph-indicator-experiment-for-acidsbases/>.

Would you like to paint with spices. A great activity can be found at <https://www.treehugger.com/diy-spice-painting-5086176>.

Or maybe you would like to develop a matching game that shows what chemical compound is in a spice. The information you need can be found at <https://www.compoundchem.com/2014/03/13/chemical-compounds-in-herbs-spices/>. I

f you do perform outreach for NCW 2025, please share photos and a short explanation by sending information to GPA@alphachisigma.org.

Whatever you do, just remember to make it fun and that Chemistry is CHEM IS TRY.



NEWS & Information

Online Professional Group Meeting

The first Online Professional Group meeting had six people in attendance. I would love to see that number grow. Our next meeting will be September 17, 2025 at 7:00 Central Time. You can register at <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/91234567890>. I hope to see you there.

From the PROFESSIONAL Branch



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:

September is typically regarded as the back-to-school month - the start of a new semester and the beginning of a new academic year. However, the start of the 1918-1919 academic year was far from typical. Near the end of the First World War, the US was committing enormous human assets to the European conflict. Alpha Chi Sigma chapters at all universities were greatly impacted. Institutions with enrollments of at least one-hundred male students were required to participate in the Student Army Training Corps, better known by its acronym: S. A. T. C., a government program created to provide "special training for men entering the service through voluntary induction". At Kansas, the Brothers of Kappa managed to keep their house open, in spite of S. A. T. C. requirements that forced most of the chapter to live in barracks. The Kappa House evolved into a get-away haven for the men to spend some leisure time after drills. At Penn, the Nu house was appropriated by the S.A.T.C. to serve as a barracks. Nu Chapter was left with only two active members, but fortunately Lieutenant Taylor, a Brother from Rho (North Carolina) assigned to the Pennsylvania Campus as a S.A.T.C. drill instructor, helped keep the chapter going. Omega Chapter at Pitt lost so many members to the war effort they couldn't maintain the house. The problem was resolved when a smaller property became available and the chapter relocated to the more affordable housing. Eleven of the fifteen Alpha Gamma (Kentucky) Brothers joined the war effort, one left school, yet the three remaining actives managed to keep the chapter going and even hold an initiation. Epsilon Chapter at Indiana was left in the hands of six new initiates from the March pledge class since none of the rest of the chapter returned. At Colorado, as if war attrition and S.A.T.C. commandeering wasn't enough of a challenge, Eta Chapter also had to deal with the Spanish Influenza epidemic sweeping through the student body, resulting in a campus quarantine that lasted most of the fall semester. Even at the National level, the fraternity was kept operational by the dedicated efforts of Miss Violet Olsen, the Fraternity's stenographer. The 1918-1919 academic year posed an existential crisis for Alpha Chi Sigma, but the fraternity persevered, as it would survive a number of other challenges looming in its future.



Professional Brother Spotlight

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



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.



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