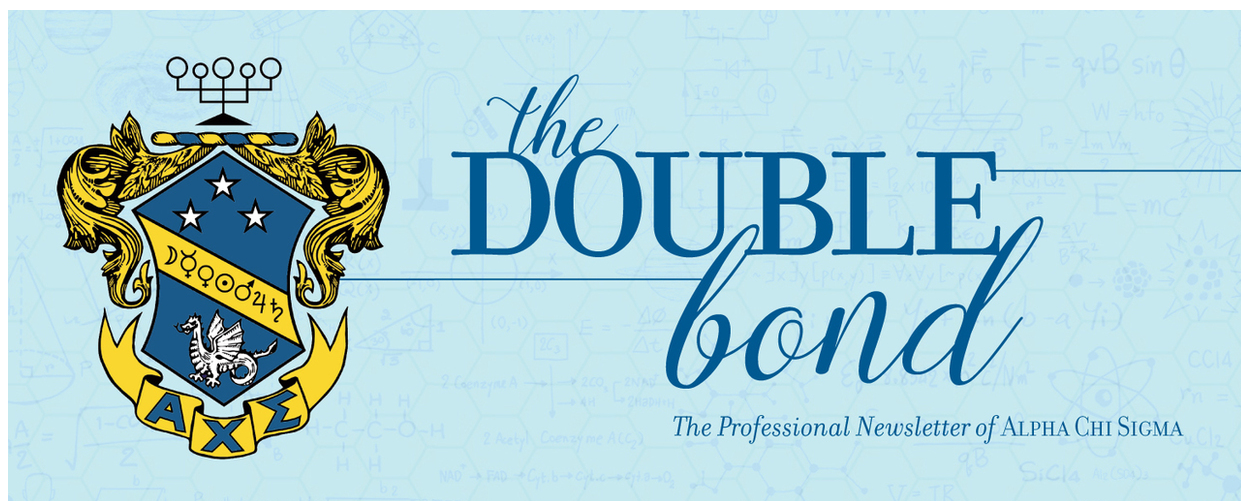




The Double Bond: The Professional Newsletter of Alpha Chi Sigma



Brothers,

Connection and Communication are cornerstones to a successful organization. And, while the Professional Branch is vast, it is important that we maintain and build upon this foundation. To aid in this endeavor I have set a personal goal to improve communication among members by posting more frequently on the Grand Professional Alchemist Facebook page and Instagram page with the hopes of answering questions and increasing responses amongst each other.

Additionally, I want to connect individuals across the nation. If you are entering a new geographical area for a visit or as a permanent change of address, email me at gpa@alphachisigma.org and I will try to connect you to others in the area. How can you help Please keep your information up-to-date in the Alpha Chi Sigma database.

I hope that 2025 is full of excitement and that we can continue to unite with each other over the course of the year.

Yours in the Double Bond,
GPA Faith Yarberry, Alpha Sigma, 1992



Ritual & Regalia

Ritual

The GMC is looking to fill two separate ritual related committees.

Ritual Committee: Under the direction of the Committee Chair and the GMC, this committee will be the primary ritual related committee for the fraternity. One task that this committee will be assigned is generating articles for a variety of different fraternity publications (Chrome & Blue, Ritualistic Newsletter, and the Sourcebook). This committee is looking for collegiate and professional members. Please apply by emailing Volunteers@alphachisigma.org.

Ritual Mentoring: Under the direction of the GMC, this committee is being created to house a pool of experts that the GMC can use to provide additional assistance to collegiate chapters. This assistance will primarily take the form of emails and phone or zoom calls. We are looking for collegiate and professional members for each part of the ritual. *Volunteers for this committee will have to be interviewed prior to appointment.*

Requirements

When applying, please email volunteers@alphachisigma.org and include:

1. Part or parts you would like to be certified on as an expert.
2. How you meet each requirement listed below in your application email.

Collegiate members and recent graduates

- Have participated in the same part for at least 2 initiations (total) spanning a period of at least 2 semesters.

Professional members

Have past experience serving on the ritual committee or have participated in several successful initiation visits (Please list approximate amount of experience)

Have participated in the same part several times. (Requirement may be waived based on past experience. Decision to waive will be made by the GMC or Committee Chair.)

Due to the potential changes that can occur during ritual reprints, volunteers should please list approximate dates (e.g. Spring 2022) for when they last read the ritual.



From the Grand Historian

Fraternal Memories from Mitch Levings, GH

In January 1982, with very little fanfare, the National Office moved into its new headquarters building at 2141 North Franklin Road. The fraternity had purchased the land in 1975, intending to build right away, but fundraising took longer than expected. The new building featured a large conference room, lined with bookshelves and display cases. The room could accommodate the Supreme Council and many guests who would brave an Indiana winter to attend Supreme Council meetings. One such Supreme Council meeting took place during a heavy snowstorm on January 10, 1997. In the process of picking up people at the airport, and getting checked in at the Days Inn, one of the rental cars was inexplicably locked with the keys in the ignition and the engine running. Avis and AAA were both called to the scene. The Supreme Council laid wagers on which agency would arrive first and how long it would take them to arrive. With one vehicle unavailable, it wasn't possible to get everyone out to a restaurant so GR Paul Jones and GV Mike Zachmeier braved the weather to get Chinese take-out and dinner was held inside the National Office building, which also featured a small kitchenette. Later that evening, AAA arrived to open the rental car, making GCA Ken Busch the winner of the pool.

From the **PROFESSIONAL** *Branch*



Introducing your PR's

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 our newest PR Chair Jen Schnippert!

Hello! My name is Jen Schnippert, and I was initiated into Gamma Beta in 2003. While my time as a collegiate brother at FSU was brief, initiating shortly before I left FSU, the experience planted the seeds for a lifetime of connection and service to the fraternity. Since then, I've remained an active professional brother, serving on the Southeastern District Committee since 2008, holding the role of Collegiate Expansion Chair from 2012 to 2017, and stepping into

the position of Professional Representative in August 2022. I am honored to now serve as the PR Chair. Over the years, I've also had the privilege of attending numerous National and District Conclaves, which have deepened my appreciation for our fraternity's mission and community.

One of the things I value most about the fraternity is the incredible bond I share with my fellow brothers. These relationships have extended far beyond the bounds of meetings and events, becoming an integral part of my personal and professional life. From the shared laughter at Conclaves to the late-night brainstorming sessions for fraternity initiatives, these moments have left me with a treasure trove of memories. It's the small but profound connections—mentorship from seasoned brothers, encouragement from peers, and the camaraderie of shared goals—that truly make this fraternity feel like a family. These bonds have not only shaped my journey within the fraternity but have also enriched my life as a whole.

Professionally, I am a nursing professor at FSU and a nurse practitioner in Tallahassee, FL. My passion for service and education aligns closely with the values of our fraternity, and I strive to bring the same spirit of collaboration and mentorship to my work.

My goals for this biennium center on enhancing communication among professional members, acknowledging the diversity in ages, career stages, and perspectives within our membership. I hope to help the professional representatives provide resources to support collegiate brothers in their transition to careers, particularly in STEM fields, by creating opportunities for professional development and mentorship.

Additionally, I want to assist PRs in actively supporting district counselors through committee involvement, chapter visits, training, and hosting events like PICs in every district. Lastly, I am personally committed to deepening my understanding and involvement in diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) efforts, and I am excited about the DEI pin program!

It is my hope that through these initiatives, we can continue to foster the same bonds and create the kinds of meaningful memories that have been so central to my own journey in the fraternity.



ACS
Chemistry for Life®

ACS Meeting

Spring 2025 ACS Meeting in San Diego, CA

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 2025 meeting in San Diego, CA. We are providing two opportunities to interact.

The first opportunity is to highlight your affiliation with Alpha Chi Sigma by obtaining a Fraternity Coat of Arm's card that can be placed next to your poster. This will occur by email or from obtaining a card from PR Faith Yarberry during the Undergraduate Poster Session or at Sci-Mix. The second opportunity is that all individuals who complete the 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.

If you will be presenting at the Spring 2025 ACS Meeting, we encourage you to fill out the form found [here](#) by March 10, 2025.

We look forward to wonderful conversations and chemistry in San Diego!



Currently seeking nominees for the

ALPHA CHI SIGMA

2025 Scholar Award

Nomination packets must be submitted by March 28, 2025

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



Alpha Chi Sigma Scholar Award (Deadline March 28, 2025)

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.

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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