



THE e-COMMUNICATOR

OF THE PHI DELTA CHI FRATERNITY

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The August 2025 *e-Communicator* of the Phi Delta Chi Fraternity is now available. This month's issue includes:

- Grand Council 2025 is underway!
- Engagement and Communication Session (Saturday, August 2)
- Opportunity to publish,
- Update your contact information on GreekTrack,
- Recipient of the John F. "Jack" Schlegel Leadership Development Award announced,
- I am Phi Delta Chi: An Oral History (update),
- Call for feedback: Integration of Remote Students Committee,
- Discord (including our new Grand Council channel),
- AAP and ChEQ,
- Alumni Professional Development Scholarship Winners,
- Hawkins Travel Award (\$500 award for Phi Lambda Sigma members),
- Glimmers,
- Events across the country,
- History Corner,
- Sponsorship opportunities,
- Social media,
- and more.

Previous editions of the *e-Communicator* can be found [here](#) as a link/PDF. We want **YOU** to be a part of the *e-Communicator*! While reading this month's edition, be on the lookout for opportunities to contribute to future editions with your photos, stories, insights, and more.

GRAND COUNCIL 2025 IS UNDERWAY!



The 76th Grand Council in St. Louis, MO is underway! Check us out on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) to keep up with all of the Brotherly bonding, leader development, and chapter growth that's happening at Grand Council.

Who will be your Region's next Regional Correspondent? Who will be your next Grand Officers? Which chapter will win the Thurston Cup? **Be the first to know by following us on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#)!**

For those unable to attend Grand Council, the awards banquet will be broadcast via [Facebook Live](#). Join us Saturday, August 3 at 7pm CT. The awards will follow dinner.

LOOKING AHEAD: For those interested in attending Grand Council next year, check out some [Grand Council fundraising ideas](#)!

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ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION SESSION (Saturday, August 2)
A hybrid, participant-driven conversation for Brothers across the country

76th Grand Council

Engagement and Communication Session

Hybrid, participant-driven conversation about improving engagement and communication at the chapter level (collegiates, rotation students, and alumni)



**Open to all
collegiate and
alumni Brothers**
Hybrid format



**Saturday,
August 2,
2025**



**3:45-
4:45pm
CT**



St. Charles Convention Center



<https://northeastern.zoom.us/j/95185060016>
Zoom meeting ID: 951 8506 0016

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For questions, please email gvpc@phideltachi.org.

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OPPORTUNITY TO PUBLISH! Inviting all Brothers to publish content for the *e-Communicator* and *The Communicator*.

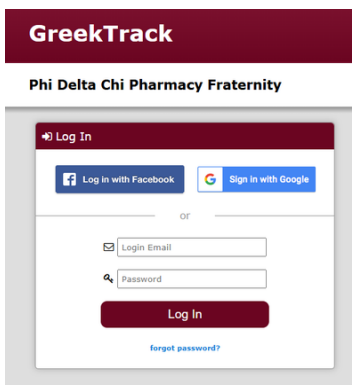
Are you interested in writing an article or providing other content for the *e-Communicator* or *The Communicator*?

Topics can include:

- Fraternity matters (e.g. recruitment, engagement)
- Pharmacy content (e.g. clinical pearls, study tips)
- Professional topics (e.g. interview prep, leader development)
- General advice (e.g. financial advice, fitness tips)
- and more!

If you're interested in publishing and providing valuable insight to our Brotherhood, please reach out to Grand Vice President for Communications Ethan Rawl (gvpc@phideltachi.org) or Project Director for *The Communicator* Josh Murdock (pdtc@phideltachi.org). If you have any questions, please contact Ethan or Josh.

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION ON GREEKTRACK



To remain connected with the Fraternity, please remember to update your contact information on [GreekTrack](#). This is especially important for those Brothers who just graduated and will be transitioning to alumni status. **It is encouraged to add a non-school email address to your GreekTrack account since many school email addresses will be deactivated shortly after graduation.** If you have any questions or need assistance logging onto GreekTrack, please email National Office Administrator Becky Griffith (office@phideltachi.org).

Rachel Huynh Named 2025 Recipient of the John F. “Jack” Schlegel Leadership Development Award



The Pharmacy Leadership & Education Institute (PLEI) proudly announces Rachel Huynh as the 2025 recipient of the John F. “Jack” Schlegel Leadership Development Award. Established through the generosity of Alpha Psi alumnus Jack Schlegel and his wife, Priscilla, this prestigious award recognizes a Phi Delta Chi collegiate Brother who demonstrates exceptional leadership potential in the pharmacy profession.

The award honors Jack Schlegel’s legacy of service, including his leadership as CEO of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (1981–1984) and the American Pharmacists Association (1984–1989). It celebrates student pharmacists who lead by example—often beyond formal titles—through meaningful contributions to their communities and the profession.

Rachel Huynh stood out for her visionary leadership, service, and advocacy. A first-generation Vietnamese-American from Devon, Pennsylvania, Huynh championed equitable healthcare and empowered underserved populations. As a CDC Diabetes Prevention Program coach, she educated at-risk patients on lifestyle interventions. She also led Temple University’s Student National Pharmaceutical Association in the 2024 ADA Step Out Walk and served as a Student Ambassador with the IMPACT-Viet-Capacity Program, designing culturally tailored stroke education for Vietnamese communities.

Within Phi Delta Chi’s Alpha Omicron Chapter, Huynh served as Worthy Chief Counselor (chapter president) and Northeast Regional Correspondent, promoting leadership and collaboration. She also held vice president roles in the Student Government Association and the Student College of Clinical Pharmacy, earning accolades such as Most Worthy PY4 Brother and the PY4 Alumni Scholarship.

In her personal statement, Huynh outlined a bold 10-year vision: becoming a clinical pharmacist, completing PGY-1 and PGY-2 residencies, mentoring future leaders, leading medical missions in Vietnam, and teaching in a pharmacy school.

“Rachel embodies the spirit of this award through her empathy, resilience, and commitment to uplifting others,” said John D. Grabenstein, who chairs PLEI’s Board of Directors. “Her leadership in culturally competent care and community advocacy makes her a truly deserving recipient.”

Huynh was selected from a competitive pool of nominees submitted by Phi Delta Chi collegiate chapter advisors. She will receive a \$1,000 honorarium in recognition of her outstanding achievements.

Nominations for the 2026 award will open in early spring 2026. Brothers graduating in 2026 will be eligible to apply.

For more information about the John F. “Jack” Schlegel Leadership Development Award, visit <https://plei.org/schlegel/>.



For those who placed an order as part of our oral history project (I am Phi Delta Chi: An Oral History), the printer is behind schedule. The books are expected to ship this summer. Please contact PCI’s customer service helpdesk at 1-800-982-1590 with any questions.

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Call for Feedback - Integration of Remote Students Committee

The Integration of Remote Students Committee is working to better understand the experiences and needs of Brothers who have participated in Phi Delta Chi as remote, virtual, and/or distance learners. The committee has created a survey ([PDC Survey for Remote Students](#)) to gather **YOUR** insight on these experiences. For questions, please contact Grand Vice President for Collegiate Affairs, Dimitri Savva (gvpca@phideltachi.org).

DISCORD



At Grand Council 2024, we piloted the communication platform, Discord. The Discord server is now live for all Brothers. Channels include Regions, leadership roles, “pharmacy punnies”, merchandise, upcoming events, and more. **Use the new Grand Council channel to ask questions, make plans, share memories, and more!** Click [here](#) to join. For questions, please contact Grand Vice President for Communications, Ethan Rawl (gvpc@phideltachi.org).

ACHIEVEMENT AWARD PROGRAM (AAP) AND CHEQ REMINDER

Worthy Correspondents - The **Chapter Publication for the 2025-2026 AAP cycle is due by August 31**. Last year’s instructions and grading rubric for the Publication can be found [here](#). Please contact Grand Vice President for Student Affairs Kali Cira (gvpsa@phideltachi.org) or your [Regional Correspondent](#) with any questions. AAP results from the 2023-2024 cycle can be found on GreekTrack (**Sign In > More... > Files > Shared by National Office > Achievement Award Program**).

All Worthy Officers - The Chapter Excellence and Quality (ChEQ) program is **on hiatus** until September 2025. For questions, please contact Grand Vice President for Collegiate Affairs, Dimitri Savva (gvpca@phideltachi.org), or your [Regional Director for Collegiate Affairs](#).

ALUMNI PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

We’re excited to announce the awardees of the **\$500 Professional Development Scholarship**. We'd encourage **YOU** to **apply for this scholarship next year**. It's for any national-dues-paying alumni Brother and just involves a short application including what you would like to use the scholarship for, such as board certification, conference attendance, or other training.

Congratulations to the following Brothers:

- Traci Thompson (Lambda)
- Alyssa Rinaldi (Xi)
- Tony Mitchum (Alpha Gamma)
- Kennedy Drew (Gamma Rho)

KATHLENE A. HAWKINS MEMORIAL TRAVEL AWARD



PHI LAMBDA SIGMA
PHARMACY LEADERSHIP SOCIETY

Phi Lambda Sigma offers travel awards to promote leader development among their student members. The award monies will be used to offset registration and travel costs of a leadership development conference/meeting. The leadership conference is not required to have a pharmacy focus. Awards up to \$500 are awarded on a rolling basis. Applicants must be students in good standing at their school of pharmacy and a member of Phi Lambda Sigma. **More information can be found [here](#)!**

GLIMMERS



The term “glimmers” can be thought of as small moments which spark joy or peace in an effort to calm our mind or promote a feeling of safety. One could call “glimmers” the opposite of triggers. Glimmers from Brothers all over the country are featured in this month’s *e-Cator*! **Pictured above is Dacia Esquell, an Alpha Tau collegiate Brother who was featured on the University of Houston College of Pharmacy’s website.** The full piece can be found [here](#).

Phi Delta Chi would love to hear about glimmers from your everyday life, both large and small. **You can submit glimmers by either filling out [this form](#) and starting it with the word “Glimmer”** or by contacting Grand Vice President for Communications Ethan Rawl (gvpc@phideltachi.org) with the subject “Glimmers” to be included on the next *e-Communicator*.

More glimmers from this month can be found on our [Facebook page](#)! Want to look back at the past year? The 2024 glimmers can be found [here](#).

Is your chapter hosting an event for Brothers across the country?

If your chapter is hosting an event where Brothers across the country can attend (e.g. reunion, Founders’ Day, initiation, formal, St. Jude Walk/Run, workshop/continuing education, etc.) and would like to advertise it in the *e-Communicator*, please reach out to Grand Vice President for Communications Ethan Rawl (gvpc@phideltachi.org).

With the exceptions of 2003-2006 and 2011-2014, the Outstanding Alumni Chapter Award has been awarded every year since 1985. **Delta and Eta have each won the award 7 times, Alpha Sigma and Alpha Psi have each won 6 times, Omicron and Texas have each won twice, and Alpha Theta and Beta Chi have each won once.** The Outstanding Alumni Chapter Award has been highly competitive as of late, with six different alumni chapters having won the award in the past eight years.

[Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), [TikTok](#), [LinkedIn](#), [X \(formerly Twitter\)](#), [Discord](#)