

# THE e-COMMUNICATOR

#### OF THE PHI DELTA CHI FRATERNITY

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

- Grand Council (July 30 through August 2 in St. Charles, Missouri; registration deadline is July 16),
- Top 10 reasons why YOU should attend the Ultimate Fraternal Experience
- Opportunity to publish,
- Update your contact information on GreekTrack,
- Regional Correspondent and Grand Officer elections (Regional Director and Project Director appointments),
- Meet Delbert D. Konnor Award inaugural recipient, Caiden Lukan (Alpha Phi),
- I am Phi Delta Chi: An Oral History (update),
- Support student leaders and score great items at the PLEI Auction,
- Call for feedback: Integration of Remote Students Committee,
- Discord (including our new Grand Council channel),
- AAP and ChEQ,
- AAAE Campaign,
- 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** <u>here</u> **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.

Are you ready for the Ultimate Fraternal Experience?

SERIOUSLY, YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS!!!



## 76th Grand Council

July 30 - August 2, 2025 St. Charles, Missouri

Ten reasons why **YOU** should attend Grand Council:

- 1. National officer elections
- 2. Regional Correspondent elections
- 3. Nine hours of live, accredited continuing education
- 4. Residency Panel
- 5. Career Panel
- 6. Leader-Development Day (LDD): Leading in Three Dimensions
- 7. Specialty networking
- 8. Family Event at Rec Hall
- 9. Awards Banquet honoring chapters, alumni, and volunteers
- 10. Brotherhood bonding!

#### Important deadlines:

- July 9: Room block expires
  - Reserve your room at the <u>Embassy Suites by Hilton St. Louis St. Charles</u> today!
- July 14: Grand Council shirt pre-order ends
  - Order the official **Grand Council t-shirt** designed by the Gamma Sigma Chapter.
- July 16: Registration ends. This is your last chance to register!
  - Full (Wednesday-Saturday), weekend (Friday-Saturday), and banquet only ticket options are available.
  - Register here on our website.

Looking for a Grand Council roommate or ride to/from the airport? Check out this <u>sheet</u>! Want to connect with Grand Council attendees? Check out the Grand Council text channel on <u>our Discord server</u>!

#### Please remember that according to the Bylaws -

Chapter VI, Number 5 (b) "Any collegiate Chapter failing to be represented by a Delegate in at least one Grand Council, one Regional Conference, and one Leader Development Seminar within a four-year fraternity cycle may be declared inactive and its Charter forfeited and vacated."

See you in St. Charles, MO!

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 (<a href="mailto:gvpc@phideltachi.org">gvpc@phideltachi.org</a>) or Project Director for The Communicator Josh Murdock (<a href="mailto:pdtc@phideltachi.org">phideltachi.org</a>). If you have any questions, please contact Ethan or Josh.

#### UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION ON GREEKTRACK



Phi Delta Chi Pharmacy Fraternity



To remain connected with the Fraternity, please remember to update your contact information on <u>GreekTrack</u>. 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).

REGIONAL CORRESPONDENT ELECTIONS AT GRAND COUNCIL

Regional Director and Project Director appointments will happen shortly after Grand Council.



Grand Officer elections will take place at this year's Grand Council. The list of Grand Officer candidates can be found <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>.

Each Region will elect its next Regional Correspondent (RC) at Grand Council 2025 (July 30 to August 2 in St. Charles, MO)! The Regional Correspondent is a vital resource for chapter growth and promotion of Brotherhood, providing insight from the student perspective and assisting with the Achievement Award Program. You must be a collegiate Brother (note: APPE students are collegiates) during the 2025-2026 academic year to be able to run for RC. The application to run can be found here; please complete the application by the end of the Opening Business Session on July 31. If you have any questions, check out the description here and reach out to your RC or Grand Vice President for Student Affairs Kali Cira. Regional Correspondents serve a 1-year term.

The incoming Grand Officers will appoint <u>Regional Directors</u> (<u>RDCA's</u> and <u>RDAA's</u>) and <u>Project Directors</u> shortly after Grand Council. If you're interested in serving, please apply <u>here</u>. For questions, please contact the supervising <u>Grand Officer</u> or current officer holder. <u>Regional Directors and Project Directors serve a 2-year term.</u>

# Caiden Lukan Named Inaugural Recipient of the 2025 Delbert D. Konnor Award of Excellence in Pharmaceutical Administration

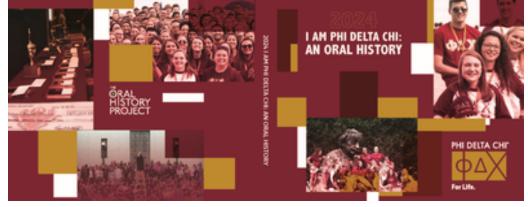


The Pharmacy Leadership & Education Institute (PLEI) proudly announces that Caiden Lukan, PharmD, is the inaugural recipient of the <u>Delbert D. Konnor Award of Excellence in Pharmaceutical Administration</u>. This biennial award recognizes and supports innovative research that advances the field of pharmaceutical administration.

Lukan, a 2024 graduate of Butler University (Alpha Phi Chapter), is currently pursuing a Master of Science degree in Pharmacoanalytics at the University of Pittsburgh while continuing his fellowship training. Lukan's winning research project, titled "Evaluating Possible Adverse Drug Events in Hospitalized Patients with Renal Insufficiency", seeks to improve the detection and prevention of adverse drug events (ADE's) in patients with impaired renal function, a population at significantly higher risk for medication-related harm.

The full press release from PLEI can be found <a href="here">here</a>. The Delbert D. Konnor Award provides up to \$5,000 over two years to support research and dissemination efforts, including conference presentations and peer-reviewed publications.

# I am Phi Delta Chi: An Oral History



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.

# Support Student Leaders and Score Great Items at the PLEI Auction!



Join us for the PLEI Auction during the Friday evening Alumni Reception at <u>Grand Council</u>. This is an exciting opportunity to raise funds to support the future of pharmacy leadership while bidding on unique and high-value items and services! Whether you're attending Grand Council in person or participating in the auction from afar, you can bid and win through our virtual auction platform.

All proceeds benefit the PLEI <u>Leader Legacy Fund</u>, which helps offset travel, lodging, and registration costs for Phi Delta Chi's student leaders. Your support makes it possible for more brothers to grow through leader development and builds a lasting legacy for the profession of pharmacy.

To recognize the continued support of our Life Members, we'll hold a special \$100 in-person drawing to be used toward a bid at the auction during the Alumni Reception on Friday, August 1. Must be present to win! Don't miss your chance to give back, get involved, and take home something memorable.

Online bidding will begin in mid-July and will end on Friday, August 1 at 8:30pm (Central). Watch the PLEI and PDC social media feeds for the start of bidding.

Bid early and often to support leader development for your Phi Delta Chi Brothers!

# 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 (<u>PDC Survey for Remote Students</u>) to gather **YOUR** insight on these experiences. For questions, please contact Grand Vice President for Collegiate Affairs, Dimitri Savva (gypca@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 phunnies", merchandise, upcoming events, and more. **Use the new Grand Council channel to ask questions, make plans, share memories, and more!** Click <a href="https://example.com/here-to-join.">here-to-join.</a> For questions, please contact Grand Vice President for Communications, Ethan Rawl (<a href="https://example.com/gypc@phideltachi.org">gypc@phideltachi.org</a>).

# 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 <a href="mailto:here">here</a>. Please contact Grand Vice President for Student Affairs Kali Cira (<a href="mailto:gypsa@phideltachi.org">gypsa@phideltachi.org</a>) or your <a href="mailto:Regional Correspondent">Regional Correspondent</a> 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 (<a href="mailto:gvpca@phideltachi.org">gvpca@phideltachi.org</a>), or your Regional Director for Collegiate Affairs.

# **AAAE CAMPAIGN - FINAL RESULTS FOR 2025**

| Tau         | Alpha Nu    |
|-------------|-------------|
| Psi         | Alpha Sigma |
| Omega       | Alpha Psi   |
| Alpha Zeta* | Beta Phi    |
| Alpha Theta | Beta Omega  |

As collegiate Brothers move to alumni status, they owe to this Fraternity their support and their advice. Our common bond is never severed, and our oaths and obligations persist. So long as each of us is a true Brother, we are Brothers for Life! The purposes of the <a href="AAAE Campaign">AAAE Campaign</a> are to increase <a href="National Alumni Dues">National Alumni Dues</a> paying Brothers and to help our collegiate Brothers attend <a href="national meetings">national meetings</a>.

With the conclusion of the 2025 AAAE Campaign, the ten chapters that earned a free Grand Council registration are pictured above.

More information can be found <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>. If you have any questions, please contact your <a href="https://example.com/Regional Director for Alumni Affairs">Regional Director for Alumni Affairs</a>.

The final standings for the 2025 AAAE Campaign can be found here.

### 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:

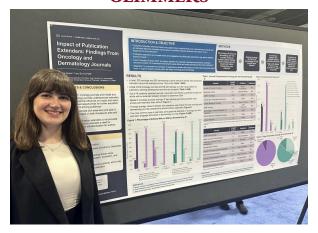
- Traci Thompson (Lambda)
- Alyssa Rinaldi (Xi)
- Tony Mitchum (Alpha Gamma)
- Kennedy Drew (Gamma Rho)

#### KATHLENE A. HAWKINS MEMORIAL TRAVEL AWARD



Phi Lambda Sigma 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 former Great Lakes Regional Correspondent, Cece Speck (Alpha Upsilon), presenting her research at the Drug Information Association (DIA) Global Annual Meeting.

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 <u>Facebook page!</u> Want to look back at the past year? The 2024 glimmers can be found <u>here</u>.

# 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 (gypc@phideltachi.org).

#### HISTORY CORNER



Does your chapter have a cool mascot with a proud history? Do you have stories and photos from past conferences? Do you remember when your local chapter was chartered? If you have a story or photo you'd like to be featured in our history corner, please reach out to Grand Vice President for Communications Ethan Rawl (gypc@phideltachi.org).

Pictured above is a blank chapter charter from 1902. Notice anything unusual about this charter? How about the fact that it says "Phi Chi" rather than "Phi Delta Chi"?

On November 2, 1883, eleven students at the University of Michigan formed Phi Chi, the two Greek letters reportedly having stood for Pharmacy and Chemistry. At the group's second meeting, a motion was made to change the name to Phi Delta Chi, but the motion failed. Meanwhile, two medical fraternities founded in 1889 and 1894 also used the name Phi Chi, perhaps evoking *Physic* and *Chirurgery*. Shortly after the turn of the century, these two medical fraternities merged into one, retaining the name Phi Chi. There was disagreement as to who had the right to the name, but members of the pharmacy group reconsidered the name Phi Delta Chi.

At Grand Council 1909 in Chicago, a proposal was made to change the name of the Fraternity to Phi Delta Chi rather than pursue the disagreement with the medical fraternity. This change was ratified and took effect at Grand Council 1910 in New York City.

# Are you interested in sponsoring the e-Communicator or The Communicator?

If your organization would like to sponsor and be featured in the e-Communicator or The Communicator, please email Grand Vice President for Communications Ethan Rawl (gvpc@phideltachi.org) or Project Director for The Communicator Josh Murdock (pdtc@phideltachi.org).

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