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FORMAT CHANGE FOR THE *e-CATOR*

To create an easier-to-read and more enjoyable *e-Communicator* experience for all of our Brothers, we have changed the format of the *e-Cator* from a PDF to an email. With this new format, all of the happenings and highlights of our Fraternity will be in one place. If you have any questions, please reach out to [Grand Vice President for Communications, Ethan Rawl](#) or [Project Director for the e-Communicator, Sophie Jacome-Singleton](#).



REGIONAL CONFERENCES HAPPENING NOW (SPRING 2024)

2024 Regional Conferences

Great Lakes March 8-10 Buffalo, NY	Mid-Atlantic March 1-3 Durham, NC	Midwest February 16-18 Bloomington, MN	Mountain February 16-18 Albuquerque, NM
Northeast March 8-10 King of Prussia, PA	Pacific April 5-7 Portland, OR	Southcentral April 12-14 San Antonio, TX	Southeast March 1-3 Greenville, SC

Regional Conferences provide an affordable opportunity for Brothers to attend a nearby conclave of multiple Chapters. One

could call the Regional Conference "A Taste of Phi Delta Chi," as Brothers are given the opportunity to sample the offerings of Phi Delta Chi as a national organization, including leadership training, officer training, and Brotherhood. Regional and national fraternity business is also discussed during this weekend program.

To find your Regional Conference, check out the [Regional Conference page](#) on GreekTrack. If you have any questions, please contact Grand Vice President for Collegiate Affairs, Dimitri Savva (gvpca@phideltachi.org), or Project Director for Regional Conferences, Chephra McKee (pdrc@phideltachi.org).



John F. ("Jack") Schlegel Leadership Development Award - Call for Nominations *Collegiate Brothers who conclude their final professional year of study in spring 2024 are eligible!*

CALLING ALL CHAPTERS! Nominate a young leader for the Schlegel Leadership Development Award. Thanks to the generosity of Alpha Psi alumnus Jack Schlegel and his wife, Priscilla, PLEI established the Schlegel Leadership Development Award to recognize collegiate Brothers of $\Phi\Delta\chi$ who demonstrate exceptional leadership potential in the pharmacy profession. The award includes a \$1,000 honorarium and is open to collegiate Brothers who are concluding their final professional year of study in spring 2024.

We encourage you to identify and nominate a deserving candidate from your chapter for this prestigious award. It is a wonderful opportunity to recognize the outstanding leadership potential of our collegiate Brothers. To be eligible for the award, the nominee must have exhibited exemplary behaviors and actions as a student and professional in training that have gained the respect of their peers.

In establishing the award, Jack noted that many student pharmacists are so focused on working their way through their educational program that they do not have time to take on formal leadership positions with organizations, but instead demonstrate their potential by exhibiting leadership in other than elected positions. He distinctly wishes all forms of leadership to be considered for this award.

Once your nominee has been identified, you should work with them to complete the nomination packet. Nomination packets should contain the application form, a personal statement (not exceeding 500 words) from the nominee including a vision of what they aspire to accomplish within 10 years after graduation, and three letters of recommendation addressing the nominee's potential for exceptional leadership in the profession after graduation. One letter of recommendation must come from the Chapter Advisor.

The deadline for receiving nominations is May 31, 2024. The award will be presented by the Pharmacy Leadership & Education Institute (PLEI) at the 75th Grand Council in Charleston, South Carolina on August 3, 2024. **The pathway for submitting nomination packets can be found at <https://plei.org/schlegel/>.**



PRESCOTT AWARD WINNER: NISHA BHIDE (BETA NU)



The Pharmacy Leadership & Education Institute and Phi Lambda Sigma Pharmacy Leadership Society are proud to announce Nisha Bhide as the 2024 recipient of the Albert B. Prescott Pharmacy Leadership Award recipient.

Dr. Bhide is recognized for her work on the USP Healthcare Quality and Safety Expert Committee that wrote the U.S. COVID-19 Vaccine Handling Toolkit and International COVID-19 Vaccine Handling Guide. She is also recognized for her contributions to innovative and transparent PBM formulary pricing strategy models and technology that helped change the way that prescription drugs are priced and patients are cared for in America.

If you are attending APhA, be sure to join us for the award presentation and lecture on Sunday, March 24 at 5:30 in Plaza I of the Orlando Hyatt.

Read more about Dr. Bhide [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:

- Nancy Burke (Alpha Phi)
- Tony Mitchum (Alpha Gamma)
- Victor Pham (Alpha Omicron)
- J.T. Simonsen (Beta Sigma)
- Danielle Schenck (Beta Chi)
- Joe Broccoli (Eta)
- Josh Murdock (Alpha Phi)
- Dylan Lindsay (Alpha Epsilon)



Alumni reports & Outstanding Alumni Chapter nominations due May 31

Alumni Chapters should submit [Alumni Foundation Program reports](#) between now and May 31. The Alumni Foundations Program is the primary tool by which Phi Delta Chi assesses Alumni Chapter activity, maintains communication, and identifies opportunities to support chapters. **The AFP report is required of all Alumni Chapters wishing to maintain active status.**

Nominations for the [Outstanding Alumni Chapter Award](#) are also due May 31. For Alumni Chapter convenience, nominations may be [submitted](#) on the same form as the AFP report. See the submission form for guidelines. The Outstanding Alumni Chapter Award will be presented at the 75th Grand Council in Charleston, SC.

Please contact [Kate Grafel](#), Project Director for Alumni Relations, with any questions.



PDCycling

Calling all PDC cyclists!

PDC Executive Director Kenny Walkup has created a cycling group on Zwift. If you are a cyclist that uses Zwift, please join the PDCycling group. You can join the group by searching groups on the Zwift Companion app.

Once we have Brothers in the group, we will begin group rides.

And by the way, a PDC cycling jersey is in the works.



PLEI AND PHI DELTA CHI TRAVEL GRANT VIDEO COMPETITION

Introduction

The Video Competition is an opportunity for your chapter to secure funding to attend Grand Council. **Grants are awarded to the 1st place (\$500), 2nd place (\$400), and 3rd place (\$300) chapters.** The winning chapters will be announced at the beginning of May, and the monetary awards will be presented to the winning chapters at or prior to Grand Council.

Content Theme

Once a Brother, Always a Brother

Content Format

Content can range from, but is not limited to, a video, song, photograph, painting, sculpture, comic, etc. Please make sure to capture in some way how your chapter was able to create this content.

Content Style

Chapters may determine the style of their content: serious, informative, tear-jerker, funny. We encourage any type of submission the chapter deems necessary to tell their story.

Video Length (if applicable)

Videos may be a maximum of 5 minutes. If a video goes over in length, it will not be reviewed.

Submission

Via GreekTrack by the Worthy Correspondent (similarly to how a monthly ChEQ form is submitted). Videos and songs will need to be submitted via a public online platform (e.g., Youtube). Artwork can be photographed and submitted via GreekTrack.

Deadline

March 31 by 11:59pm ET

Questions

If you have any questions, please reach out to your [Regional Correspondent](#) or Grand Vice President for Student Affairs, Kali Cira (gvpsa@phideltachi.org).



AAP CALENDAR 2023-2024

[Chapter Publication](#) Closed August 31, 2023

[Scholarship Report](#) Closed October 31, 2023

[Leadership Report](#) Closed December 31, 2023

[Brotherhood Report](#) Closed February 29, 2024 (leap year!)

[Professional/Service Report](#) **Due April 30, 2024**

AAP INSTRUCTIONS

[AAP instructions](#) and last year's AAP scores are available on GreekTrack. If you have any questions, please contact your [Regional Correspondent](#) or the [Grand Vice President for Student Affairs](#), Kali Cira (gvpsa@phideltachi.org).



**GRAND COUNCIL 2024 WILL BE IN CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA.
START PLANNING NOW!**



[Grand Council registration is live!](#)

Grand Council is the Ultimate Fraternal Experience and brings together Brothers from across the country to conduct the business of the Fraternity.

The 75th Grand Council in 2024 will occur from July 31st through August 3rd in Charleston, South Carolina!

What happens at Grand Council? During Grand Council, our Chapter's Collegiate and Alumni delegates as well as Alumni Chapters will vote on business. Brothers will be able to participate in reference committees, Regional Caucuses, officer training courses, professional development opportunities, the Leader Development Day, continuing education, and more. **Start planning and fundraising now to attend the Ultimate Brotherhood Experience!**

Registration Fees:

Early Bird registration ends June 15. Prices will increase on June 16.

Collegiate/Candidate Early Bird Registration

\$325.00 (\$395 after June 15) · Includes Wednesday ice cream social, Thursday through Saturday lunch, and the banquet on Saturday. DOES NOT INCLUDE LEADER DEVELOPMENT DAY.

Alumni Early Bird Registration

\$425.00 (\$495 after June 15) · Includes Wednesday ice cream social, Thursday through Saturday lunch, the alumni reception on Friday, the banquet on Saturday, and all Continuing Education sessions. DOES NOT INCLUDE LEADER DEVELOPMENT DAY.

Alumni WEEKEND Early Bird Registration

\$275.00 · Includes Friday lunch and alumni reception, Saturday lunch and banquet, and all Friday/Saturday Continuing Education sessions. DOES NOT INCLUDE LEADER DEVELOPMENT DAY.

Banquet Only

\$100.00 · Join us at the awards banquet on Saturday night!

Leader Development Day

\$200.00 optional add-on · Don't miss this exciting session filled with fun activities and engaging discussion that will teach you the secrets of preventing and addressing the most common breakdowns to effective teamwork. This optional session will take place on Wednesday from 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM (before Grand Council begins). Space is limited to the first 30 participants. Must purchase this ticket to attend. [Learn more.](#)

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 Charleston, SC!

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GRAND COUNCIL 2024 POLICY DEVELOPMENT TOPICS

The following are the policy development topics to be discussed at Grand Council 2024 in Charleston, SC. These can be found on GreekTrack using the links below.

[Organizational Affairs](#)

[Collegiate Affairs](#)

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I AM PHI DELTA CHI: AN ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

What does “Each Needs the Help of the Other” mean to you? When was the first time you sang the Spirit Song with people outside of your Chapter? What is your fondest memory as a collegiate Brother? Who mentored you as a collegiate Brother or young alumni?

Whatever the story is, we want to hear it!

We have partnered with PCI (also known as Publishing Concepts) to produce **I am Phi Delta Chi: An Oral History** Publication for the Phi Delta Chi Pharmacy Fraternity. Over the next few months, PCI will collect stories from our Brothers to memorialize the history of the fraternity experience through the years. Hardbound books and digital publications will be available for our Brothers to purchase. **To participate, please call the Phi Delta Chi Pharmacy Fraternity Hotline at 1-866-579-2787.** If you have questions about the project or how you can get involved, please contact [Executive Director Kenny Walkup](#).

STORY COUNTER

How many Brothers have submitted a story so far?

1,498

98.4% of respondents would recommend others call in!

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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!

The glimmer pictured above is from the banquet at the Midwest Regional Conference, which included keynote speaker, Tyler Prickette, from the Delta Chapter.

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 the Project Director for the *e-Communicator*, Sophie Jacome-Singletary (pdec@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](#)!



10 WAYS FOR ALUMNI TO SUPPORT COLLEGIATE BROTHERS

Brotherhood in Phi Delta Chi does not end on graduation day. We look to our alumni for support and to help move our Fraternity forward. Check out these 10 ways that YOU can help support our collegiate Brothers!

1. Review CV’s or help Brothers prepare for interviews.
2. Give a seminar about your area of work.
3. Be a guest speaker at a chapter meeting.
4. Create a scholarship/grant for collegiate Brothers.
5. Tutor Brothers who need extra help in school.
6. Sponsor Brothers’ attendance at Grand Council or Regional Conferences.
7. Serve as a mentor to Brothers seeking professional advice.
8. Host or support collegiate chapter retreats or meetings.
9. Sign up to be a preceptor so Brothers can do rotations at your site.
10. Attend initiation.

If you’re supporting a collegiate chapter and would like to get more alumni Brothers involved, please email [Grand Vice President for Alumni Affairs](#), Dena Dillon, or your [Regional Director for Alumni Affairs](#).



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:

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or

Project Director for the *e-Communicator*, Sophie Jacome-Singletary (pdec@phideltachi.org).



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