



# THE e-COMMUNICATOR

OF THE PHI DELTA CHI FRATERNITY

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

- Opportunities to publish,
- Grand Council (July 30 through August 2 in St. Charles, Missouri),
- GreekTrack enhancements,
- Seeking Phi Delta Chi memorabilia & auction donations,
- Call for submissions from alumni chapters (required),
- Continuing education at Grand Council (call for speakers and feedback),
- Grand Council photographer and childcare provider (call for applications),
- NAPLEX prep: clinical pearl topic reviews (Tuesdays in June from 6-8pm CT),
- Integration of Remote Students Committee (call for feedback),
- Discord,
- Hawkins Travel Award (\$500 award for Phi Lambda Sigma members),
- AAP and ChEQ,
- AAAE Campaign,
- Distinguished Alumnus Award,
- Selfless Servant Award,
- Alumni Professional Development Scholarship,
- 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.

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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 and leader development)
- 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](mailto:gvpc@phideltachi.org)), Project Director for the *The Communicator* Josh

Murdock ([pdtc@phideltachi.org](mailto:pdtc@phideltachi.org)), or Project Director for the *e-Communicator* Sophie Jacome-Singleton ([pdec@phideltachi.org](mailto:pdec@phideltachi.org)). If you have any questions, please contact Ethan, Sophie, or Josh.

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## REGISTER NOW FOR GRAND COUNCIL 2025!



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

[The 76<sup>th</sup> Grand Council](#) will take place July 30 - August 2, 2025 in St. Charles, Missouri!

**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 Regional Caucuses, officer training courses, professional development opportunities, the Leader-Development Day, continuing education, and more. **See you in St. Charles, MO!**

### Registration Fees:

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

- **Collegiate/Candidate Registration**  
\$350.00 (\$395 after June 15) · Includes Wednesday ice cream social, Thursday through Saturday lunch, and the banquet on Saturday.
- **Alumni Registration**  
\$450.00 (\$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.
- **Alumni WEEKEND Registration**  
\$325.00 · Includes Friday lunch and alumni reception, Saturday lunch and banquet, and all Friday/Saturday Continuing Education sessions.
- **Banquet Only**  
\$100.00 · Join us at the awards banquet on Saturday night!

### Optional Add-ons:

- **Mascot Registration**  
\$25.00 · Your chapter's mascot will receive their own name tag and lanyard! All proceeds go to our Ritual and Regalia Fund.
- **Guest Full Registration**  
\$350.00 · Includes all meals including the awards banquet. Does not include any programming.
- **Guest WEEKEND Registration**  
\$225.00 · Includes Friday lunch, alumni reception, Saturday lunch, and banquet. Does not include any programming.
- **Guest Banquet Only Ticket**  
\$100.00 · Purchase additional banquet tickets for your guests.
- **Guest Alumni Reception Ticket**  
\$60.00 · Purchase additional alumni reception tickets for your guests.
- **Child (3-12 years old) Full Registration**  
\$125.00 · Includes all meals including the awards banquet.

- **Child (under 3 years old) Full Registration**  
\$0.00 · Includes all meals including the awards banquet.
- **Leader-Development Day (LDD): Leading in Three Dimensions**  
\$199.00 · Wednesday, July 30 from Noon - 5:00PM at [Ryze Adventure Tower](#). Space is limited to 24 participants. Must purchase this ticket to attend.  
Discover a whole new way to develop your leadership skills through an interactive, hands-on adventure at the multi-level [Ryze Adventure Tower](#). This isn't your typical "ropes course"—it's an exciting, team-oriented experience where you'll engage in real-world problem-solving both on the ground and high up in the tower. Work closely with a small group to: Identify challenges and develop strategies to overcome them. Discuss leadership tactics, set goals, and guide your team to success. Practice followership, emphasizing collaboration and trust. This experience is designed to be inclusive, with challenges tailored to a variety of physical abilities—from easy to advanced. If you can climb stairs, you can participate in many activities or enjoy observing from the tower's walkways. Accommodations are available for participants with limited mobility—just let us know in advance. All participants must sign a liability waiver. Join us and experience the heights of teamwork and leadership!
- **Lunch & Learn**  
**Collect 'em All: Response-ability, Availability, & Accountability**  
\$0.00 · 3-part Lunch & Learn series to learn about the three essential abilities of effective teamwork.  
This engaging series spans three lunches—Thursday, Friday, and Saturday—and you can register for one session, two, or all three! Complete all three sessions to earn a Certificate of Completion and a Digital Badge to share on LinkedIn. NOTE: The content of these sessions may be duplicative of material covered during Wednesday's LDD program.  
**THURSDAY – THE POWER OF "RESPONSE-ABILITY"** Don't waste time blaming others or complaining about things you cannot control. In this session, you'll dive into Fred Kofman's victim/player distinction and learn how taking ownership over challenges can empower you with the "ability to respond" and keep you from becoming a victim of circumstance.  
**FRIDAY – THE POWER OF ACCOUNTABILITY** Teams don't work if members don't have the ability to count on one another. In this session, you'll learn how to foster accountability by honoring your word, even when you cannot keep it. You'll also learn how to restore integrity when someone's word is broken.  
**SATURDAY – THE POWER OF AVAILABILITY** Do you struggle getting members to engage? In this session you'll discover the most common cause of poor engagement and learn how to enhance it through increasing focus and aligning members' values, interests, strengths, and needs.
- **Wednesday Bicycle Excursion**  
**Standard Bike, Gravel Bike, E-bike Rental, or Bring Your Own Bike**  
\$75.00 - \$110.00 · Learn more about this trip at <https://www.phideltachi.org/grand-council-excursions>

#### **Room Rates:**

Your hotel room is not included in the registration fee. **These rates expire July 9 or earlier if the blocks fill up.**

#### **Embassy Suites by Hilton St. Louis St. Charles**

2 Room Suite with 2 Queen Beds, Sofa bed

\$186/night + tax

#### **Grand Council Shirt:**

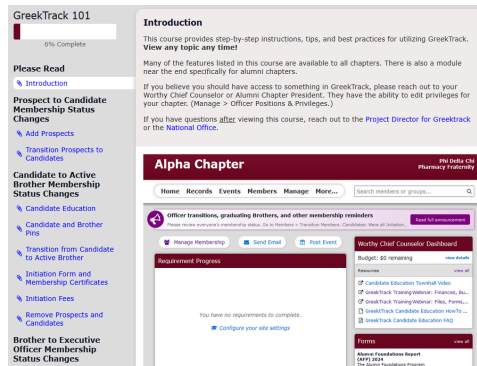
Pre-order the official [Grand Council t-shirt](#) designed by the Gamma Sigma Chapter by **July 14**.



#### **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."

## GREEKTRACK ENHANCEMENTS



Recent enhancements to our [GreekTrack](#) platform include:

- The ability to modify a draft email's audience. Use this in collaboration with the clone email feature to easily send similar emails to multiple audiences.
- Chapters can create conference/ticketed events. Collect registration fees, email or SMS all attendees, and more!
- Candidate Education course completion is required before transitioning Candidates to Brothers. The system will **NOT** allow the change in status until all modules are finished.
- Collegiates may only transition to alumni status **AFTER** the graduation date listed in their profile.

GreekTrack 101 provides step-by-step instructions, tips, and best practices for utilizing GreekTrack. **View any topic any time!** Go to **More... > Courses > GreekTrack 101**.

## Seeking Phi Delta Chi Memorabilia & Auction Donations



Help us make the next PLEI Auction at [Grand Council in St. Charles](#) a success! We are looking for Phi Delta Chi memorabilia in great condition, as well as unique auction items to support our mission.

Are you an artist who could create a PDC-themed piece? Do you have a professional skill, talent, or service you could donate (maybe hosting a weekend getaway or an hour of advice or professional consultation)? Your contributions will help support PLEI's initiatives and make a lasting impact.

All proceeds will support the [Leader Legacy Fund](#) to offset leader-training expenses for Brothers.

If you're interested in donating or learning more, please contact us at [office@plei.org](mailto:office@plei.org) by July 1, 2025. Thank you for your support!



## Forms

### **Alumni Foundations Report (AFP) 2025**

The Alumni Foundations Program was established in 1998 to assess Alumni Chapter activity level and to increase communication with the National Office. In accordance with Chapter VII, Number 3 of the Bylaws, Alumni chapters shall submit to the Executive Council once each year a report covering inform...



**For those who attended Grand Council 2024, your feedback on the CE offerings at Grand Council 2024 can be provided [here](#). Please direct questions to Jennifer Polyniak, Continuing Education Coordinator ([ce@phideltachi.org](mailto:ce@phideltachi.org)).**



## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS! Opportunity to serve as photographer or childcare provider at Grand Council 2025.

Our [76th Grand Council](#) is from July 30 to August 2, 2025 in St. Charles, MO! We need Brothers like YOU to help make Grand Council 2025 the ultimate fraternal experience. There are two open roles at this year's Grand Council, photographer and childcare provider, each of which includes a **free registration** if appointed.

A brief overview of each role can be found below:

- **Photographer:** Take photos at all Grand Council programming
- **Childcare Provider:** Staff the Family Room in the convention center that will be open during the three business sessions

If you're interested in serving in either role, please email Executive Director Kenny Walkup at [execdir@phideltachi.org](mailto:execdir@phideltachi.org).

## NAPLEX PREP: Clinical Pearl Topic Reviews

Looking for help preparing for your upcoming NAPLEX? Join Phi Delta Chi's clinical pearl topic reviews this June on Tuesdays from 6-8pm CT. For questions, please contact Grand Vice President for Alumni Affairs Dena Dillon ([gvpaa@phideltachi.org](mailto:gvpaa@phideltachi.org)).

**HIV (June 3 from 6-8pm CT)** - register [here](#)

**Dena Behm Dillon, PharmD, AAHIVP (Alpha Chapter)**

*Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, University of Iowa Health Care*

*Consultant, Midwest AIDS Training and Education Center*

*Partners PrEP Coordinator, Iowa TelePrEP*

- **Register [here](#).** This program is **hybrid** - it will be presented live on Zoom and in person at the University of Iowa in Iowa City, IA.

**CKD and IHD (June 10 from 6-8pm CT)** - via [Zoom](#)

**Heather A. Kehr, PharmD, BCPS (Iota Chapter)**

*Associate Professor of Pharmacy*

*Wingate University School of Pharmacy*

- **The Zoom link can be found [here](#).** Meeting ID is 978 7665 9732. Passcode is 683274.

**Psychopharmacology (June 17 from 6-8pm CT)** - via [Zoom](#)

**Andreea Temelie, PharmD, BCPP (Theta Chapter)**

*Clinical Pharmacist - Psychiatry*

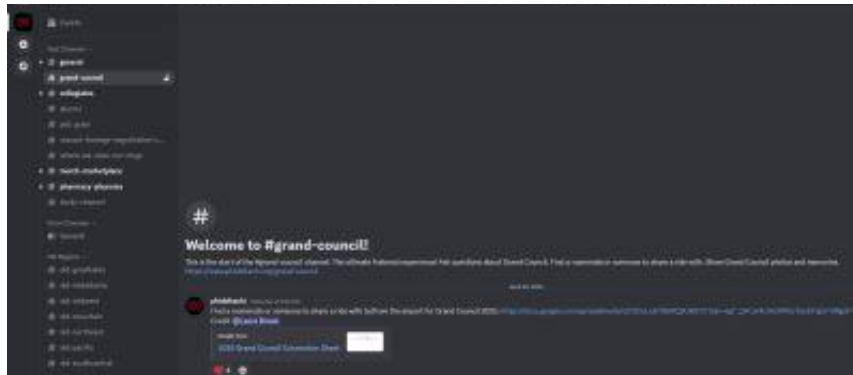
*UPMC Western Psychiatric Hospital*

- **The Zoom link can be found [here](#).** Meeting ID is 976 7771 2103. Passcode is 987866.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:gvpc@phideltachi.org)).

## 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](#)!**

## 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](mailto: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 live. All Worthy Officers are required to complete their monthly ChEQ form via GreekTrack. Reports open on the 27th of each month and close on the 7th of the following month (i.e. September forms open on September 27 and close on October 7). For questions, please contact Grand Vice President for Collegiate Affairs, Dimitri Savva ([gvpc@phideltachi.org](mailto:gvpc@phideltachi.org)), or your [Regional Director for Collegiate Affairs](#).

- **NOTE:** The last ChEQ forms for the 2024-2025 academic year will be due on May 7. The program will resume in September 2025.

## AAAE CAMPAIGN

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 [AAAE Campaign](#) are to increase [National Alumni Dues](#) paying Brothers and to help our collegiate Brothers attend [national meetings](#). **Collegiate chapters will receive credit for each alumnus paying their National Alumni Dues. Life Member dues will count double and are included for 5 years.**

**For the first 15 dues-paying alumni, the collegiate chapter will receive one complimentary Grand Council registration that summer. Additional registrations can be earned with 25 more dues paying alumni. New this year is an opportunity to designate your donation to any collegiate chapter. Chapters will be notified by email when they reach these levels.** Newer collegiate chapters will receive one complimentary registration for their first two national meetings. This will give the chapter time to graduate Brothers and begin the process of building their alumni base. Last year, this program allowed 18 Brothers to attend Grand Council free of registration fees, which was most appreciated by our collegiate Brothers. Let's try to top this for 2025!

More information can be found [here](#). If you have any questions, please contact your [Regional Director for Alumni Affairs](#).

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## Call for Nominations: Distinguished Alumnus Award



The purpose of the [Distinguished Alumnus Award](#) is to recognize Phi Delta Chi alumni who have made significant contributions to society, and whose accomplishments, affiliations, and careers have advanced science or served humanity. The [Distinguished Alumnus Award](#) does more than honor its recipients. It helps illustrate the great value of Phi Delta Chi's leader-development programs, in collaboration with the Pharmacy Leadership & Education Institute (PLEI). This award program recognizes those who used their brotherhood experience as a springboard to accomplishment.

### Criteria for Selection

Recipients must have demonstrated accomplishments in each of the three areas outlined below:

1. [Professional Achievement & Career](#): The recipient attained prominence through their efforts in commerce, industry, technology, education, government, military, or other worthy endeavors that form a record of accomplishment.
2. [Service to Society](#): The recipient exhibits a demonstrated record of accomplishment in service by bettering the lives of others through volunteer efforts.
3. [Service to Phi Delta Chi](#): The recipient exhibits involvement within Phi Delta Chi; either on a national, regional, or local basis. The recipient upholds the principles and precepts on which Phi Delta Chi was founded and has demonstrated engagement with collegiate and/or alumni Brothers throughout their life.

## Eligible Nominees

- Any alumnus of Phi Delta Chi is eligible.
- Grand Officers are not eligible during their term of service.
- Alumni may be nominated posthumously within 2 years of a nominee's death.

## Nominations will be accepted using the following guidelines:

1. [Distinguished Alumnus Nomination Form](#) (due by May 31 of odd-numbered years)
2. In addition to the required Nomination Form, nominators are encouraged to provide supporting items that more fully describe the nominee and their accomplishments. Such items include, but are not limited to:
  - Letter of nomination written by the nominator (required)
  - Two letters of support from non-family members that specifically address the criteria (required)
  - Current biography or curriculum vitae (CV) for the individual
  - Newspaper and magazine articles describing accomplishments
  - Descriptions of awards or certificates of achievement
  - Other relevant item
3. The link to nominate can be found [here](#).

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## Call for Nominations: Selfless Servant



## Background

A [Selfless Servant](#) is the embodiment of what it means to serve the Fraternity without asking for anything in return, the humble, behind the scenes but always present Brothers. The Alumni Affairs Team established the [Selfless Servant](#) honor in 2017 to honor those alumni who have selflessly served the Fraternity and Brotherhood.

## Purpose and Philosophy

The heart of this award and main purpose is to recognize those alumni who have gone above and beyond to give back and serve the Brotherhood. It is those alumni who enthusiastically volunteer and donate their time but rarely are recognized. Those alumni who quietly, but honorably serve their chapters. Those alumni who avoid recognition.

## Eligible Nominees

All Phi Delta Chi alumni are eligible to be selected as a recipient of the [Selfless Servant](#) honor. More specifically, we will be looking for those Brothers who have never held a national or regional position but have been dedicated and active in the organization. In general, we are looking for those alumni who have been an alumni for 10 or more years.

- Alumni Brother
- Graduated at least 10 years ago
- Never held Regional or National Officer positions
- Showcased dedication to the Fraternity
- Has remained an active Brother throughout the years

## Criteria for Selection

- **Nomination must be received by deadline: May 31 of odd-numbered years**
- Nominated Brothers must meet eligibility requirements for consideration. If the nominated Brother does not meet graduation year criteria, the nominee's application will be considered when they are eligible.
- There is no maximum or minimum number of honors to be awarded each Grand Council.

To nominate, submit [this form](#). Alternatively, nominations may be submitted by emailing [gvpaa@phideltachi.org](mailto:gvpaa@phideltachi.org).

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## Alumni Professional Development Scholarship. Apply today!

Is there a conference you would like to attend but the price is a little too high? Are you considering board certification this year? Is there an upcoming class that you want to take? **Phi Delta Chi is offering a \$500 professional development scholarship to up to eight alumni. The application period is from April 1 through June 10. The link to apply can be found [here](#). More information can be found [here](#).** Please contact your region's [Regional Director for Alumni Affairs](#) or [Grand Vice President for Alumni Affairs, Dena Dillon](#), if you have any questions.

## 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 Beta Kappa giving back to their community by putting together hygiene kits for Durham Rescue Mission.**

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](mailto: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](#)! 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](mailto:gvpc@phideltachi.org)), or Project Director for the *e-Communicator*, Sophie Jacome-Singletary ([pdec@phideltachi.org](mailto:pdec@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 ([gvp@phideltachi.org](mailto:gvp@phideltachi.org)) or Project Director for the *e-Communicator* Sophie Jacome-Singletary ([pdec@phideltachi.org](mailto:pdec@phideltachi.org)).

**Pictured above is Beta Gamma hoisting the 1992 Emory W. Thurston Grand President's Cup ("Thurston Cup")**, their eighth time winning the award. The [Thurston Cup](#) has been awarded annually since 1974 and acknowledges the year's best Phi Delta Chi chapter. Beta Gamma currently has the most Thurston Cups (13), with Psi (7), Alpha Psi (5), Omega (4), Tau (3), and Alpha Phi (3) rounding out the top 5. In total, 17 chapters have earned the Thurston Cup.

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