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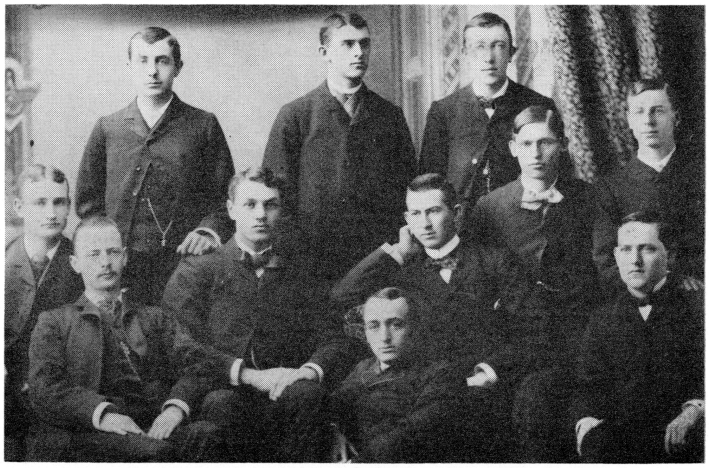
HAPPY FOUNDERS' DAY!

On November 2, 1883, eleven men at the University of Michigan founded Phi Delta Chi, originally establishing the Fraternity under the name Phi Chi. At the time, the university had several literary societies, but our founders envisioned an organization dedicated specifically to students in the College of Pharmacy. Their vision laid the foundation for what would become the first professional pharmacy fraternity in the United States.



Phi Delta Chi Founders

In its early years, Phi Delta Chi welcomed members studying both pharmacy and chemistry, including chemistry majors and chemical engineers. However, as the Fraternity grew, serving two distinct professions presented challenges. During the Great Depression, from 1928 to 1933, membership requirements were revised to focus exclusively on pharmacy students. This change helped shape Phi Delta Chi into the professional pharmacy fraternity we know today.

More than 140 years later, the vision of our eleven founders continues to guide our Fraternity. Through Brotherhood, Leadership, Scholarship, and Service, Phi Delta Chi remains committed to developing leaders in pharmacy and strengthening the bonds that unite Brothers across generations.

Trivia Question: Which founding member was a prominent citizen of Saginaw, Michigan?

PHI DELTA CHI AT MIDYEAR🌴

This year, **ASHP Midyear is headed to Orlando—and so are we!** Join your Phi Delta Chi Brothers at Dave and Busters Monday, December 7th from 6-8PM for an evening Brotherhood, networking, and a chance to unwind after a busy day of meetings and conference activities. Come grab a bite, enjoy some games, and connect with Brothers from across the Fraternity.



Not able to attend the reception? You can still visit us at Booth 324 in the exhibition hall! Members of the Executive Council will be there to share updates, answer questions, and help you stay engaged with fraternity initiatives.

Booth Hours:
Monday 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Tuesday 11:00AM - 3:00 PM
Wednesday 11:00AM - 2:00 PM

Sign up for updates on GreekTrack, we can't wait to see you there!

NOMINATIONS FOR OUTSTANDING CHAPTER ADVISOR AWARD



Would you like your Chapter Advisor to be recognized at Grand Council? Do they go above and beyond for your local chapter? Nominations are now being accepted for the **2026-2027 Outstanding Chapter Advisor Award**. Click **this link** to nominate your Chapter Advisor. It's a quick and easy way to recognize your advisor for the work they do!

Applications are due January 31, 2027 and the winner of the award will be recognized at Grand Council this summer in Pittsburgh, PA.

Design *The Communicator* 26-27 Cover! 🎨

Are you a creative Brother who is looking to showcase your talents? We want **YOU** to design the cover of the 2026–2027 *Communicator*!

Whether you're an artist, photographer, graphic designer, or digital creator, we want to see your unique interpretation of what Phi Delta Chi means to you. Create an original piece inspired by the values of our Fraternity—**Brotherhood, Leadership, Scholarship, and Service**—and your design could be featured on the cover of next year's *Communicator*! Think you can capture the spirit of Phi Delta Chi? **Let your creativity inspire the next chapter of *The Communicator*!**



Submission Guidelines:

- Artwork must be **original** and created by the submitting Brother.
- Submit your design as a **PNG or JPG** file.
- Email submissions to **GVPC@phideltachi.org** and **PDTC@phideltachi.org**.
- **Deadline: January 31, 2027**

Before we begin creating the next edition, the Communications Team would also love to hear your thoughts on the **2025–2026 *Communicator***! Please take a few minutes to complete our feedback form and share your **constructive feedback, suggestions, and ideas** to help us continue improving *The Communicator* and create an even better publication for our Brothers in the future.

Chapter Financial Review (CFR) Program 💰



Is your chapter looking to strengthen its finances? The **Chapter Finance Review Program** is designed to help collegiate and alumni chapters build confidence in managing their finances.

Whether you need help with budgeting, recordkeeping, fundraising, or improving financial processes, this program offers practical guidance and tools to help your chapter succeed. **It's not a test or an audit—it's a resource built to support your chapter!**

Any chapter officer can reach out to learn more or schedule a review. Advisors and regional officers are welcome to participate, too!

📩 Contact GVPFA Ron Corey (gvpfa@phideltachi.org) to learn more or schedule a review!

GLIMMERS





Congratulations to the P2 Brothers of the Alpha Delta Chapter who were recognized among the top 25% at the Rho Chi Recognition Lunch! (Left) Additionally, a warm welcome to the newest Brothers of the Delta Theta Chapter! (Right) 💙💛 Welcome to the Brotherhood!

CALL FOR SPEAKERS FOR 78TH GRAND COUNCIL

Do you have research to share or expertise to pass on? We want to hear from you!

🔬 **Students:** Showcase your research, share your findings, and connect with fellow pharmacy students and professionals who share your passion for advancing the profession.

💊 **Alumni:** Share your knowledge and experience with fellow professionals and inspire the next generation of leaders in pharmacy.

We're looking for Brothers interested in presenting research, clinical topics, professional development, leadership, and continuing education!

📍 Sheraton Pittsburgh Hotel at Station Square | Pittsburgh, PA
📅 July 28–31, 2027

Interested in presenting? **Fill out our speaker interest form!** Please direct any questions to CE Coordinator, Jennifer Polyniak (ce@phideltachi.org)

Speaker Interest Form

ALBERT B. PRESCOTT LEADERSHIP AWARD NOMINATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

It is with great pleasure that the Pharmacy Leadership and Education Institute (PLEI) announces that nominations for the 2027 Albert B. Prescott Leadership Award are now open.

The Albert B. Prescott Pharmacy Leadership Award, first presented in 1987, is given annually to a young pharmacist no more than 10 years after receipt of their PharmD. The recipient shall have demonstrated exemplary leadership qualities as a young pharmacist indicative of someone likely to emerge as a major leader in pharmacy over the course of their career.

The PLEI Albert B. Prescott Leadership Award recognizes outstanding leadership. The recipient is selected by the four most recent recipients of the Award, two members of the PLEI Board of Directors, and one representative from Phi Delta Chi.

The 2027 Prescott recipient, who must have received his or her PharmD in 2017 or later, will receive a $1,000 honorarium. He or she must give an address during the 2027 American Pharmacists Association annual meeting in Charlotte, NC (March 19-22, 2027) and prepare a text based on the address that is suitable for publication in the *Journal of the American Pharmacists Association.*

We invite you to nominate an outstanding young pharmacist for the Albert B. Prescott Pharmacy Leadership Award. Self-nominations are also welcome.

ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS

The Albert B. Prescott Pharmacy Leadership Award

Pharmacy Leadership & Education Institute



A complete nomination packet must include:

- Nominee's curriculum vitae (CV)
- Letter of nomination
- Letters of recommendation — up to five will be accepted

All nomination materials must be received by **November 10, 2026**, at 11:59 PM Hawaii Standard Time. Late submissions or letters will not be accepted.

Please note: Only complete nomination packets will be considered. Be sure to have all required documentation and letters of support ready before submitting the nomination form.

Visit our website for more information about PLEI and the Albert B. Prescott Pharmacy Leadership Award.

Prescott Nomination Form

SAVE THE DATE - 78th GRAND COUNCIL

Grand Council is making its way EAST! Save the date for the 78th Grand Council, happening July 28–31, 2027, at the Sheraton Pittsburgh Hotel at Station Square in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania! Start making those travel plans, grab your Brothers, and get ready for another unforgettable Grand Council!



At the 78th Grand Council, Brothers will vote on a proposed policy granting Past Grand Presidents a delegate seat to speak and vote during Grand Council business meetings. With this change, Past Grand Presidents wouldn't need to serve as an Alumni Brother Delegate for their chapter in order to have a vote. This proposal recognizes their experience and longstanding service to the Fraternity. Past Grand Presidents may serve as either a Past Grand President Delegate or an Alumni Brother Delegate, but not both.

Please review the proposed policy changes HERE to stay informed and prepare to make an informed decision in Pittsburgh next summer.

Past Grand President Voting Policy

HISTORY CORNER

Trivia Question: Which founding member was a prominent citizen of Saginaw, Michigan?
Answer: Arthur Sidney Rodgers



Brother Rogers began his education in Watrousville and Vassar, two communities in Tuscola County, Michigan. After graduating, he spent a year teaching in Watrousville before pursuing his interest in pharmacy at the University of Michigan in 1882. He earned his PhC degree in 1885 and began working as a prescription clerk at Eagle Drug Store in East Saginaw. In 1886, he returned to the University of Michigan to study medicine, later working as a pharmacist in East Saginaw in 1887. This marked the end of his career in pharmacy as he transitioned into the medical profession.

Brother Rogers continued his studies at the University of Michigan's Department of Medicine and Surgery, earning his MD in 1890. He subsequently served as an assistant to the professor of pathology while maintaining a general medical practice in Vassar. In 1897, he married Nellie M. Johnson of Vassar.

Seeking to specialize further, Brother Rogers returned to Ann Arbor for advanced training in diseases of the eye, ear, nose, and throat. He later served as an assistant to the professor of ophthalmology and continued his studies in New York City for a year. Upon returning to Michigan, he established his own eye, ear, nose, and throat practice in Saginaw, where he remained until his death.

Through his expertise and dedication, Brother Rogers became a highly regarded specialist and a prominent member of the Saginaw community, leaving a lasting mark on the medical profession.

Applications Now Open for the 2027 Delbert D. Konnor Award of Excellence in Pharmaceutical Administration



The Pharmacy Leadership & Education Institute (PLEI) is now accepting applications for the 2027 Delbert D. Konnor Award of Excellence in Pharmaceutical Administration. This award of up to $5,000 supports new scholarly work in pharmaceutical administration, including pharmacy practice, pharmaceutical marketing, pharmacy management, pharmacoeconomics and health outcomes, social-behavioral pharmacy, accounting, and pharmacy law.

Who can apply? PharmD students, pharmacists pursuing a graduate degree, and recent graduates such as pharmacy residents and fellows. Applicants must also be dues-paying or Life Members in good standing of Phi Delta Chi Pharmacy Fraternity.

What to submit: A completed application form, a CV or resume, and a project description of no more than 10 pages. The description should cover the project's background, mentor(s), research questions, methods, timeline, budget, and references. A selection committee of pharmacy faculty, PDC, and PLEI leaders will judge applications on the research's contribution to science and society and whether it can be completed in the allotted time.

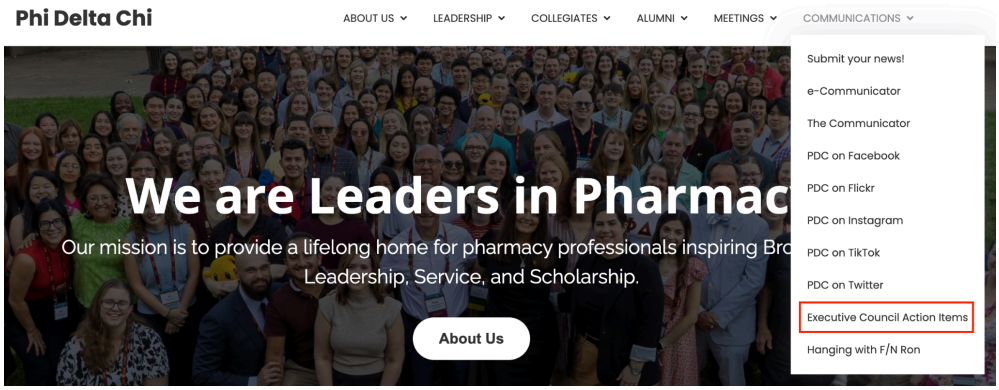
What's expected: Awardees will begin their research by September 1, 2027, and complete it within four years (most projects take 18–24 months). They will submit their results to a peer-reviewed journal and present their findings at the Phi Delta Chi Grand Council. Funds are paid in installments, starting with $2,500 upon selection.

Deadline: Applications are due **April 2, 2027, at 11:59 pm Hawaii Standard Time**. Late applications will not be considered. Award decisions will be announced by early May.

For more details, review the award FAQ or contact PLEI Executive Director at rcorey@plei.org.

EC ACTIONS

Executive Council actions are available at any time on GreekTrack. To access them, navigate to Files > Shared by National Office > Executive Council Action Items, then select the year and month you are looking for. For easier access, when you go to our Phi Delta Chi website, you can find these documents by going to Communications > Executive Council Action Items.



Please feel free to review these documents as needed to stay informed on recent decisions and updates.

- October 4, 2026
- October 18, 2026

BASIC EXPECTATIONS OF BROTHERS

As Brothers of Phi Delta Chi, we have a responsibility to uphold our motto, creed, and objective in both our professional and personal lives. As leaders in pharmacy, we are committed to protecting the health, safety, and well-being of others, including our fellow Brothers.

Our Risk Management Policy reflects the standards we hold ourselves to as an organization and reinforces our commitment to fostering a safe, respectful, and accountable brotherhood. We take these responsibilities seriously, and we expect every Brother to do the same. Phi Delta Chi, being a professional association, is committed to fully integrating risk management across all levels of Fraternal operations to ensure it is considered in the normal course of business activities and best protects the Fraternity and its Brothers. Phi Delta Chi will not tolerate any form of hazing, sexual abuse, or discrimination amongst its Brothers and such actions may result in penalties to involved parties.

If you have not already done so, please take the time to review the Phi Delta Chi Risk Management Policy. Reviewing this policy is a requirement for all Chapter Advisors and Worthy Chief Counselors, but upholding its principles is a responsibility we all share.

Each day we must follow the Basic Expectations of Brothers to lessen any disparity between fraternity ideals and individual behavior, and to personalize these ideals in our daily lives. Phi Delta Chi abides by the following Basic Expectations:

- I will know and understand the ideals expressed in our Fraternity and will strive to incorporate them in my daily life.
- I will strive for academic achievement and practice academic integrity.
- I will respect the dignity of all persons; therefore, I will not physically, mentally, psychologically, or sexually abuse or haze any human being
- I will protect the health and safety of all human beings.
- I will respect my property and the property of others; therefore, I will neither abuse nor tolerate the abuse of property.
- I will meet my financial obligations in a timely manner.
- I will neither use nor support the use of illegal drugs; I will neither abuse nor support the abuse of alcohol.
- I acknowledge that a clean and attractive environment is essential to both physical and mental health; therefore, I will do all in my power to see that chapter property is properly cleaned and maintained.
- I will challenge all my fraternity Brothers to abide by these expectations and will confront those who violate them.

As Brothers, each needs the help of the other. That means if you see something, say something. Speak up, offer support, and help ensure that our actions reflect the values we promise to uphold.

Leaders in Pharmacy. Brothers for Life. We are Phi Delta Chi.

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