



# THE e-COMMUNICATOR

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## ASHP Midyear is Heading to Orlando! ✈️

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

Don't forget to sign up for updates on [GreekTrack](#), we can't wait to see you there!



## 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.

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## Chapter Financial Review (CFR) Program

Starting in September 2026, Grand Vice President for Financial Affairs (GVPFA) Ron Corey will launch the voluntary **Chapter Finance Review (CFR) Program**, giving collegiate and alumni chapters a new opportunity to strengthen their financial practices and gain valuable guidance along the way.

Think of the CFR Program as a resource for your chapter—not a test or an audit. Whether your chapter is looking to better understand its finances, improve its budgeting and recordkeeping, strengthen internal processes, or simply make sure you're on the right track, the CFR Program is designed to provide **support, guidance, and practical tools to help your chapter grow.**

The program is open to all collegiate and alumni chapters, and Regional Directors are encouraged to help chapters take advantage of this resource based on their individual needs. Any chapter officer—not just the WKF or WCC—is welcome to reach out to GVPFA Corey to schedule a review.

The goal is to make financial guidance more accessible while helping Brothers build skills and confidence in managing chapter finances. Reviews can also provide an opportunity to ask questions, talk through challenges, and identify ways to make your chapter's financial operations more effective and sustainable.

Chapters are encouraged to include their chapter advisor and relevant regional officers in the process, although their participation is not required. The CFR Program is designed to meet chapters where they are and help them take the next step toward stronger financial management.

**Ready to give your chapter's finances a tune-up?** Reach out to GVPFA Ron Corey ([gvpfa@phideltachi.org](mailto:gvpfa@phideltachi.org)) to learn more or schedule a review!

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## GLIMMERS

For many pharmacy students, the **White Coat Ceremony** marks an important milestone in their first year as their formal entry into the Doctor of Pharmacy program. The white coat represents much more than a lab garment—it serves as a symbol of **caring, compassion, trust, and service** as students begin their journey toward becoming healthcare professionals.

As part of the ceremony, students also recite the Oath of a Pharmacist or Pledge of Professionalism, affirming their commitment to ethical practice, patient-centered care, and lifelong learning.

A huge congratulations to all of our Brothers who recently celebrated this important milestone, including the Brothers of **Beta Chi (pictured left)** and **Alpha Psi (pictured right)**! We are excited to see where your pharmacy journeys take you!



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## Continuing Education (CE) Feedback Form

Did you attend a CE session at Grand Council this year, or are you interested in CE opportunities in the future? Help us improve and better tailor our continuing education offerings by sharing your feedback and needs through the [Continuing Education Survey](#). Your input will help us provide programs that are relevant and valuable to our Brothers. Reach out to Jennifer Polyniak ([ce@phideltachi.org](mailto:ce@phideltachi.org)) with any questions.

[Continuing Education Survey](#)

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# 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](#)

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## RISK MANAGEMENT & GREEKTRACK 101

Attention Worthy Chief Counselors, Worthy Vice Counselors, and Chapter Advisors. As the academic year begins, don't forget to complete the following tasks to ensure your Chapter gets off to a strong start:

- **Update Your Chapter Roster:** Make sure your Chapter's roster is accurate and up to date. For step-by-step instructions on membership changes, visit Courses > GreekTrack 101 and review the “Update Roster & National Operating Dues” topic.
- **Complete Risk Management Training:** All Chapter Advisors and Worthy Chief Counselors are required to complete the 2026 Risk Management Course by **October 3, 2026**. Find the course under Courses > 2026 Risk Management & Fall Announcements.
- **Complete Alcohol 101:** All WCCs and WVCs are required to complete the Alcohol 101 program. Be sure to complete this training as you begin your term.

Thank you for your commitment to leading your Chapters and serving Phi Delta Chi. We wish you a successful year ahead!

## 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!



## 2026–2027 CHAPTER DUES REMINDER

As the new fraternal year gets underway, don't forget that National Chapter Dues are required for all collegiate chapters. For the 2026–2027 year, National Operating Dues are \$70 plus a \$19 Collegiate Insurance Premium, for a total of **\$89 per Brother** due October 31.

Please generate your invoice AFTER all membership status changes have been approved. Dues can be paid directly through GreekTrack, and **payment is due October 31, 2026.**

### Generating Invoices

Paying National dues should be done AFTER accounts/Brothers have been verified for the semester. Once completed, you are able to generate your invoice to the National Office.

On the left side of the website, go to Finances → My Chapter's Invoices.

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Dues & Fees

My Store Orders

My Invoices

My Chapter's Invoices

Chapter Budget

Fundraising Campaigns ↗

Once there, go to this year's National Operating Dues and select Verify Membership.

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Click "Approve" to continue to generating the invoice.

Please note: the National Office does NOT recognize "Inactive." Those Brothers will still generate dues that the Chapter is expected to pay.

Once completed, Click "Generate Invoice." Once generated, you are able to pay for your Chapter's dues.

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## 77th GRAND COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The [meeting minutes](#) and [appendices](#) from the 77th Grand Council have now been uploaded to GreekTrack and are available for Brothers and Chapters to reference.

These documents provide a record of the business conducted during Grand Council, including the schedules, actions taken and AAP report awards. Chapters are encouraged to review these documents to stay informed on decisions and updates affecting the Grand Fraternity.

You can find the documents in GreekTrack by navigating to:

**Files > Shared by National Office > Grand\_Council\_Documents > Delegate Materials**

Be sure to take a look and stay up to date on the actions of the **77th Grand Council!**

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# **The Pharmacy Leadership & Education Institute (PLEI): Commemorating 30 Years of Service to Phi Delta Chi**

In 1995 in Memphis, Phi Delta Chi's 60th [Grand Council](#) voted that "(t)he Executive Council may establish a not-for-profit educational foundation ... to further the leadership and other benevolent missions of the Fraternity." This charge was fulfilled via creation of the [Pharmacy Leadership & Education Institute \(PLEI\)](#), which held its inaugural meeting in March 1996 during APhA's [143rd Annual Meeting](#) in Nashville.

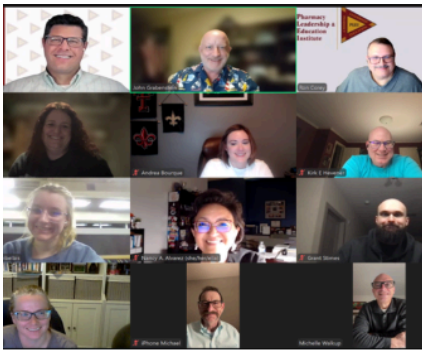
In 1998, the IRS recognized [PLEI](#) as a 501(c)(3) charitable foundation, whereas the Fraternity is a 501(c)(6) business league. The Institute is led by a [Board of Directors](#) of distinguished Brothers and colleagues, with Phi Delta Chi's [Grand President](#), [Grand Past President](#), and [Executive Director](#) serving as *ex officio* members of PLEI's Board. PLEI invites a Phi Delta Chi Collegiate Brother to attend its board meetings as a [Student Observer](#).

PLEI is dedicated to charitable and educational goals, advancing the Fraternity's mission of training pharmacy's future leaders and aiming to advance healthcare by improving the professional and interpersonal competencies of pharmacists and student pharmacists. PLEI focuses on developing holistic leaders and empowering pharmacists by providing immersive, transformative content that inspires growth of the leader within.

PLEI coordinates initiatives such as:

- [Prescott Pharmacy Leadership Award](#). Award and honorarium given annually since 1987 to a pharmacist no more than 10 years after receipt of their PharmD. A profession-wide award, 19 of the 40 recipients have been Brothers. Three chapters have had multiple [Prescott Award honorees](#): Omega (Walter Fitzgerald and Timothy Tucker), Alpha Gamma (Tina Penick-Brock and Macary Marciniak), and Beta Nu (Lindsay Kunkle and Nisha Bhide).
- [Konnor Award of Excellence in Pharmaceutical Administration](#). Award and up-to-\$5,000 grant given in odd-numbered years. First awarded in 2025 to [Caiden Lukan](#) (AΦ). Lukan's winning research project titled *Evaluating Possible Adverse Drug Events in Hospitalized Patients with Renal Insufficiency*.
- [Schlegel Leadership Development Award](#). Award and honorarium given annually since 2022 to a collegiate Brother completing their final professional year of study. Past recipients include [Komal Kumar](#) (AO), [Rachel Huynh](#) (AO), [Nikki Chen](#) (BΘ), [Courtney Woo](#) (ΔΓ), and [Courtney Purcell](#) (Ω).
- [Leader Legacy Fund](#). Proceeds from the Fund's endowment will be applied to leader-training expenses once the endowment reaches \$250,000.
- [Chaffee Nationwide Brotherhood Travel Fund](#). Monetary awards given annually to help emerging leaders cover Grand Council travel expenses. First [awarded in 2026](#) to Ivan Ibarra (AΨ, \$500), An Nguyen (BN, \$250), and Stacy Moua (AI, \$250).
- [Project LEARN](#), a new organizational skills training program aimed to empower collegiate officers, non-officer members, and alumni Brothers
- The [Achievement Award Program](#), recognizing and [rewarding chapter excellence](#) in Brotherhood, scholarship, leadership, and professional projects and service

PLEI's website, [plei.org](#), contains extensive detail about its programs, directors, and donation opportunities. Don't forget to follow PLEI on [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#), and [Instagram](#)!



"Like most associations, we were struggling with finding an effective way to identify, cultivate, train and encourage members to take their place in leadership roles. By working with the Pharmacy Leadership and Education Institute (PLEI) we developed a new Leader Development Institute that has quickly revitalized our leadership initiatives and shown immediate results in improving member engagement and leadership growth. PLEI understands the principles of leadership; they understand what makes pharmacists tick, and they certainly understand the vital role of association volunteerism. Working with PLEI has made our association better." -Jon Roth, then Chief Executive Officer of the California Pharmacists Association

The Pharmacy Leadership & Education Institute (PLEI) was established by Phi Delta Chi after the 60<sup>th</sup> Grand Council to expand the Fraternity's impact through a dedicated nonprofit foundation. Since its first board meeting in 1996, PLEI has focused on developing student pharmacists and pharmacists through leadership programming that strengthens the profession and advances public health. While continuing to support Phi Delta Chi initiatives, PLEI extended its profession-wide mission through partnerships with pharmacy organizations, colleges, and industry across the country.



1995

PLEI convened for the first time at the APhA Annual Meeting in Nashville, launching the Fraternity's nonprofit leadership development arm.

1990's

PLEI led the curriculum for immersive leadership development seminars. Its content evolved to emphasize developing the "leader within." Its reach expanded across pharmacy organizations, colleges, and industry partners while continuing to support Fraternity initiatives.

2010's

PLEI adapted quickly during the pandemic to continue delivering remote, highly personalized leader development programs.

2020's

At the 60th Grand Council in Memphis, Phi Delta Chi authorized the creation of PLEI to extend the Fraternity's leadership and service impact.

1996

PLEI was formed, incorporated, and recognized as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to developing leaders to serve the profession and society.

2000's

PLEI launched a long-standing partnership with the California Pharmacists Association. PLEI content was also integrated into APhA's Lead360 program.

2020

PLEI has continued to grow while remaining rooted in Phi Delta Chi. It supports Fraternity programs while expanding partnerships with organizations including the Tennessee Pharmacists Association, PTCB, UNC, the U.S. Army, Kroger, and Medicine Shoppe.



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