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Alpha Chi Sigma by the numbers

- Alpha Chi Sigma has over 59,300 members,
- 50 collegiate chapters and 1 colony,
- 9 professional chapters and
- 8 professional groups!

Need to contact the National Office?

Dial 1 – 800 – ALCHEMY

Or email:

national@alphachisigma.org

Grand Recorder Patrick Johanns

Spring Break! It means a lot of different things for a lot of different people. For some, it is a time to work and study. Some will be heading to warmer climates for a respite from the cold. A few will be heading to New Orleans for the installation of Gamma Rho Chapter.

No matter where you go or what you do, take care of yourself and look out for your Brother. It is easy to get hurt when you are having fun. Two years ago I had a student email me to tell me that he would be late coming back from Spring Break. He had been drinking a few beers and leaning over to chat with the girl on the balcony below. I hope she went to visit him in the hospital as he recovered from breaking his back after he fell from his balcony from leaning too far. So have fun but try come back without scars or regrets.

In this issue find out more about volunteering, Net Community, Mathews loans, and much more.

Reminders:

- ★ Professional Chapters – Your reports were due March 1.
- ★ Time to get moving on your Conclave Bid. Contact the National Office or one of the SC if you have questions.
- ★ Cash your chapter check from the National Office.
- ★ Turn in your paperwork for Star Chapter Status

**Need a form to submit to the National Office?
Go to this link on the Alpha Chi Sigma website:**

[I Need Forms!](#)

April 1 is the deadline for submissions for the summer issue of THE HEXAGON to National Office.

CONCLAVE 2008

Time to Place Your Bid

Do you want to host the next Conclave? The 48th Biennial Conclave at UCLA still brings a lot of good memories to mind but it is time for the Supreme Council to start considering where the next Conclave will be. The Supreme Council hopes to determine the location of the 49th Conclave in 2008 in late spring so now is the time to start putting together your bid.



If your chapter is going to submit a bid, you will need to gather information on facilities, room and board, accommodations, estimated transportation cost, scheduling windows, local area items of interest, etc., etc., **now**.

To submit a bid, go to www.alphachisigma.org/forms and download the “Conclave Bidding and Hosting Guide” or call the National Office to obtain a copy. It details the considerations and all the information that must be included in a bid to host Conclave. Remember, the Grand Chapter has specified that Conclave facilities must be able to accommodate individuals with disabilities.

April 30, 2007 is the deadline for receipt of bids to the National Office to host the 49th Biennial Conclave in August 2008.

Matthews Loan Rates



The Alpha Chi Sigma Educational Foundation as part of its mission to promote the advancement of chemical education provides loans to Alpha Chi Sigma collegiate members.

- The Interest Rates on new 2007 Mathews Student Loans is 5.8%.
- The interest rate for new Mathews Student Loans, available to any member of the Fraternity who is currently enrolled in school, is set annually at one percent less than the rate for US Government Student Loans.
- A member may borrow up to \$4,000.
- While a member remains in school only the interest has to be paid annually. Repayment of principle begins when the Brother leaves school.



VOLUNTEERING

Volunteerism Boosts Resumes for Collegians & Professionals

By Amy Smith (reprinted with permission from <http://EzineArticles.com>)

While many collegians believe time spent volunteering could be better utilized by studying more, getting a part time job or partying, others see the benefits of volunteerism. Volunteers can receive a pat on the back or simply feel good about helping out a respectful cause. There are also long term benefits that can come from assisting others. On a resume, volunteerism suggests a strong work ethic, reliability and a commitment to something greater than oneself. It may seem trivial but anything that helps a resume stand out from the crowd is worth a little effort.

When preparing a resume, students should consider that employers may ask about anything listed and expect a well thought out response. Therefore, a volunteer tasked to serve lemonade for one day at a homeless shelter should probably omit that from the resume unless there is a long term volunteer relationship with the shelter. Volunteerism with religious, ethnic or controversial groups should be identified by task rather than by the group. This ensures that employers are not subconsciously discriminating based on the resume. On the other hand, exclusive membership groups such as Junior League or fraternal organizations should be listed as they may provide networking opportunities.

Students lacking direct work experience in a field of study can use volunteer opportunities to boost resumes by offering services or expertise the group may not have readily available. For example, a marketing student could approach small organizations that may need assistance with marketing communications or fundraising efforts. Law students can offer legal advice or research for organizations as well. Specific volunteer work relating to the field of study can be listed in the main section of the resume as a skills summary or work experience. Additional volunteer activities should be listed toward the bottom of the resume in a section titled "Volunteer Activities" or "Additional Information". Whether gaining experience in their field of study or simply displaying a commitment to an organization, students can highlight volunteerism in an effort to move their resume to the top of the pile.

CHAPTER INFO

Collegiate Chapter Activities

Is your Chapter looking for activities for this spring?...or are you working to develop activities for the 2007-2008 academic year? If so, some great ideas can be found in the [Collegiate Chapter Program Guide](#). These programs were developed for the Collegiate Chapters. Activities ranging from Professional Recognition Ceremonies to Lectures about Alchemy can be found in the Program Guide. Don't overlook this valuable resource!



Net Community –Coming this Fall

The Fraternity is installing Net Community software this year in time for the fall semester. The Net Community software will give our members a number of electronic communities in which they can exchange ideas and information, and stay in contact with the National Office and each other - from the day they pledge!

This software will upgrade our National Website to allow all collegiate and professional chapters to host a website at the National Office. Districts and national committees will have the same ability. Every member will be provided an email address for life through alphachisigma.com.

Each Chapter will have one or more people who will be able to place and modify chapter information on the site. Anything chapters currently put on the web can be placed in Net Community. A chapter member who logs-in will see a customized page containing their:

- chapter calendars,
- chapter officer lists,
- chapter directories,
- chapter bulletin board,
- chapter photographs,
- district and national information,
- and more.

Officers will be able to access material directly relating to their office. They will be able to send and receive emails to people in that office, either in their district or the entire country. This ability to communicate easily with others in the same role will encourage the spread of good ideas and programs throughout the Fraternity.

Incoming pledges will be able to enter their personal information that is currently collected via master record cards. They will be able to pay their pledge and lifetime membership fees and update their address as needed. Pledges will have their status switched to Collegiate Member when they have gone through initiation.

Net Community is a perfect platform for the Professional Information Network (PIN). Finally, we will be able to post this information online in a secure setting that only Brothers can access. You will be able to search for Professional Brothers in your company, field, industry, or locale.

In addition to these features, members will be able to complete online surveys expressing member's needs, wants, and activities.

The potential of this software is vast, and just as I can barely scratch the surface in one page of what we will be able to do, we will not begin by using all the features. As the number of users increase and as we all become more experienced using it, we will expand the features available.

Our timetable is:

- ★ June 1 – Website set and ready to go.
- ★ June 22 – Official Launch of Alpha Chi Sigma Net Community
- ★ Fall 2007 – All pledge information will be reported via the web. All chapters will have an Alpha Chi Sigma Net Community Website.

Collegiate Branch Initiative – Goals to Date

Last fall, the GCA put forth the Collegiate Branch Initiative (a.k.a the CDE Program) wherein, each part of the Collegiate Branch was tasked to complete certain expectations for the year and for the Biennium. Details on the program can be found by clicking [here](#) - reference Collegiate Programs, CDE for Collegiates.

The end of the academic year is rapidly approaching. Please take the time to review the expectations that pertain to you, and let's all make an effort to complete as many of these as possible. The success of the Initiative is up to you and your efforts!

Expectations for the Collegiate Chapters:

- ✓ Achieve at least a One Star Chapter status
- ✓ Participate in a District/Regional Conclave (if applicable)
- ✓ Diversify Rush Activities – Recruit Faculty/Graduate/Undergraduate
- ✓ Diversify Rush Activities – Recruit from related majors
- ✓ Submit timely reports

Expectations for the District Counselors:

- ✓ Visit chapters at least once per year
- ✓ Build an effective District Committee
- ✓ Help chapters achieve at least a One Star Chapter status
- ✓ Hold a District Committee Meeting
- ✓ Set up a District/Regional Conclave
- ✓ Submit timely reports

Expectations for the Grand Collegiate Alchemist:

- ✓ Create expectations for Collegiate Chapters, District Counselors, and GCA
- ✓ Complete 2006-2007 Program Guide
- ✓ Add materials to the DC Toolkit
- ✓ Create additional support materials (Targeted Rush Brochures, Emerald Tablet, etc.)
- ✓ Communicate progress and relation to the larger picture
- ✓ Remove obstacles for the Collegiate Chapters and District Counselors

Star Chapter Criteria – a review

To qualify for the **One-Star Chapter Award**, a chapter each academic year beginning July 1st and ending June 30th must:

- ✓ Return all Pledge & Initiation fees, Master Record Cards, Pledge Election Report, Pre- & Post-Initiation Reports to the National Office on time.
- ✓ Initiate a minimum of 8 or 1/3 of the number of current active collegiate members (reported in the preceding year's Active Collegiate Member Register) prior to June 30th of each year.
- ✓ Conduct two MAJOR service or professional activities. The report must include a description of the activity, its date, the number of brothers involved, and an estimate of the total number of people involved.
- ✓ Submit the Chapter Officer List within 2 weeks of each election.

- ✓ Submit the following reports by **June 30th** of each year:
 - Star Chapter Annual Report of Chapter Activities
 - Audit/Financial Statement
 - Charter, Ritual & Regalia Inspection Report
 - Active Collegiate Member Register.

To qualify for the **Three-Star Chapter Award**, a chapter each academic year beginning July 1st and ending June 30th must:

- ✓ Satisfy ALL the requirements for the One-Star Chapter Award.
- ✓ Maintain an Internet Web Page. This must include:
 - Information on pledging / membership
 - Current calendar of events
 - Current chapter and officer contact data
 - Professional / service activities
 - Link to the National Home Page
- ✓ PLUS accomplish any **FOUR** of the following:
 - Increase active collegiate member by 5% (active collegiate members reported in the preceding year's Active Collegiate Member Register is the basis.)
 - Conduct two additional MAJOR service or professional activities.
 - Conduct two Alumni related activities.
 - Conduct one additional MAJOR service or professional activity AND one Alumni related activity.
 - Submit the Professional Branch Induction Report 2 weeks prior to conducting either the Professional Recognition Ceremony (PRC) or the Professional Induction Ceremony (PIC). Include program and alumni speaker information.
 - Submit one or more nominations for National Fraternity Recognition Award (e.g. Scholar, Advisor, Kuebler).
 - Complete and submit a Chapter Plan for the year.

Maintain and submit a current copy of the Chapter's Bylaws to the National Office

FROM THE NATIONAL OFFICE

Professional Branch Induction

Professional Branch Induction (PBI) is the transfer of a member into the professional branch. Whenever a member is listed on the PBI form or marked "inactive" on the Active Collegiate Member Register, that member is transferred into the professional branch.

Send or fax the PBI form to the National Office at least 1-2 weeks prior to the ceremony to ensure the complimentary professional pin and GPA welcome letter will be received in time. (Please note that Lifetime Membership fees must be paid).

If your chapter wishes to hold a Professional Induction Ceremony (PIC) instead of the customary Professional Recognition Ceremony, contact GMC Showerman at gmc@alphachisigma.org or your DC for the ceremony and/or proper instructions.

Active Professional Chapters and Groups

PROFESSIONAL CHAPTERS

Chesapeake Bay Professional Chapter
Chicago Professional Chapter
Delaware Valley Professional Chapter
Indianapolis Professional Chapter
Los Angeles Professional Chapter
Northeast Ohio Professional Chapter
Research Triangle Park Professional Chapter
St. Louis Professional Chapter
Washington, DC Professional Chapter

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GROUPS

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Mid-Missouri Pro Group
New Jersey Pro Group
San Antonio Professional Group
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Southwest Virginia Pro Group
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UNCLAIMED MONEY

The following chapters have been sent checks from the National Office that **have not been cashed** as of March 1, 2007:

Beta
Delta
Gamma
Epsilon
Iota
Pi
Rho
Sigma
Tau
Alpha Beta
Alpha Zeta

Alpha Theta
Alpha Pi
Alpha Sigma
Alpha Upsilon
Alpha Omega
Beta Gamma
Beta Delta
Beta Eta
Beta Sigma
Beta Tau
Beta Phi

Beta Psi
Beta Omega
Gamma Beta
Gamma Delta
Gamma Zeta
Gamma Eta
Gamma Iota
Gamma Kappa
Gamma Pi
Gamma Xi

Contact the National Office if you have any questions.

ON THE WEB AT WWW.AlphaChiSigma.ORG

FORMS SECTION: **Professional Candidate Form**

Although the majority of initiates into the Fraternity are enrolled in a Collegiate chapter, there does exist the provision to initiate Professional Candidates into the Fraternity. As Collegiate Chapters are the only group of the Fraternity that can initiate members, it is important to understand the differences in the Professional Candidate's qualifications, so that the Chapter can follow the correct procedure and submit the correct paperwork. As per the Bylaws of the Fraternity, there are two classifications for Professional Candidates. Those classifications are coded as "3a candidates" and "3b candidates" corresponding to the bylaw section that defines their status.

3a - If the professional candidate has a degree in chemistry or a related field, use this form for the written nomination. Only the chapter has to approve the nomination. Professional candidates thus nominated should be pledged and initiated using the normal procedure. The Master Record Card should indicate that the person is a "3a Professional Candidate."

3b - If the Professional Candidate DOES NOT have a degree in chemistry or a related field, use this form for the written nomination. Both the chapter and the Supreme Council must approve the nomination. As such, please try to notify the National Office of any 3b candidates as soon as possible so that the Supreme Council has time to discuss and vote on the candidate. If the nomination is approved, the proposing chapter will be notified and the candidate may be pledged and initiated using the normal procedure. The Master Record Card should indicate that the person is a "3b Professional Candidate."

ALPHA CHI SIGMA PROFESSIONAL CORNER

**American Chemical Society
233rd National Meeting & Exposition
March 25-29, 2007
Chicago, IL USA**

Brothers attending the 233rd National American Chemical Society meeting in Chicago are cordially invited to the traditional social luncheon on Tuesday, 27 March 2007, starting at 11:30 a.m. until about 1:30 p.m. For an unusual luncheon experience in Chicago, please join us again at McCormick Place. Room N134 of the McCormick Place Convention Center is reserved for us.

The luncheon promises to be quite different, exciting and a fabulous opportunity to greet and meet Brothers, including members of the Supreme Council. Luncheon price is \$30 or less, payable at the luncheon and through ACS ticketing option. Please indicate your intention to attend by registering with the ACS, signing up at the Alpha Chi Sigma desk in the registration area or sending the GPA an email by the 26 March, Monday; maps will be available upon request. Come and join this festive meeting.

For additional information, please contact GPA Howard McLean (mclean@rose-hulman.edu or gpa@alphachisigma.org; cell: 812-249-7328).

From the House Chapter Advisory Committee

Michael Quan, *Sigma 1993*, Chair of the House Chapter Advisory Committee is seeking some information regarding the tax status of some of the House Chapter House Corporations.

The committee is specifically looking for tax status information for the following House Corporations:

Alpha	Alpha Beta	Alpha Kappa
Beta	Alpha Theta	Beta Phi

Please send any information or interest in participation in the House Chapter Advisory Committee to Michael Quan at Michael@ls.berkeley.edu.



Expansion Prospects

University of Rhode Island and **University of Buffalo** are in the initial stages of expansion and have the support of faculty and a group of interested students. Brothers interested in helping can contact Expansion Director: Wiley Hall, 240-305-3368, wiley4th@gmail.com

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* Term ending December 2007

** Term ending December 2008

If you are interested in running for Professional Representative in fall 2007 to represent the Professional Branch of Alpha Chi Sigma, please contact Nominations Chair, Abbey DeGraffenreid as soon as possible, adegraffenreid@alphachisigma.org or national@alphachisigma.org.

Professional Chapter Paperwork

National Office is missing Professional Chapter Officer Lists for Chesapeake Bay and Chicago Professional Chapters. Please submit ASAP.

ALPHA CHI SIGMA CALENDAR

MAR	1	Professional Chapter Reports Due
	17	Installation of Gamma Rho at Loyola University in New Orleans, LA
	25-29	233 rd ACS National Meeting, Chicago, IL
	31	Gamma Iota 20 th Anniversary Celebration (Contact Justin Lemkul at jalemkul@vt.edu)
APR	1	Deadline for submissions to the Grand Editor for the Summer Hexagon issue.
	30	Deadline for bids to host the 49th Biennial Conclave in August 2008.

National Web Site - Click Here!