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Alpha Sigma Takes Top Honors At Grand Council 2005, San Antonio Texas!!!

The PDC Alumni Association would like to congratulate all collegiate Brothers on a job well done! The Alpha Sigma Chapter won the following awards at Grand Council:

6th place overall for the Thurston Cup

1st place for the (newly renamed) John D. Grabenstein Leadership Award

100% of the Achievement Award Program

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Grand Council Highlights

Grand Council 2005 - San Antonio, TX

On August 2nd, two Alpha Sigma Brothers set out to San Antonio, TX to represent our chapter at this year's Grand Council. Upon arrival, Aura Platakis and I were invited to the welcoming party and met up with many other Midwestern chapters and friends that we made from last year's Leadership Development Seminar. After a while, the Phi Dexers went to a local karaoke bar where we spend hours enjoying the musical talent (or lack thereof) of our Brotherhood. Somehow, the new GVPSA Chris Gardiner convinced me to sing Bon Jovi with him, only to be followed by the song "I've Got Friends in Low Places" which really got the brothers singing!

The next morning, we attended the opening business session where we enjoyed the keynote speech from Dr. Heni R. Manasse, an Alpha Sigma Alumni who spoke on the challenges to pharmacy in today's society. The Grand Council conference offered several officer training courses, including an executive track, a membership track, an alumni track and a financial track. We attended these meetings throughout the conference and learned a lot about leadership skills, risk management and ways to increase our membership. In addition to officer training courses, we also attended committee meetings regarding the organization's affairs and made recommendations on how the Grand Council should vote on several issues including the timing of the Achievement Award Program awards, publication of "The Communicator," and moderation of the PDC listserv.



From left to right Brothers Aura Platakis, Jeff Prescott (Alumni) and Beth Nochowitz at the Alamo!

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Grand Council Highlights (cont)

That evening, the Alpha Sigma collegiate brothers went out to dinner with our Alpha Sigma Alumni Brother, Jeff Prescott. Over a plate of sizzling fajitas and several fantastic margaritas, we talked about the issues that we would be voting on during the week and got some perspective from someone with more experience in the fraternity. Later that evening, we found ourselves at the bar Pat O'Brien's where we enjoyed live music and Aura got her first introduction to everyone's favorite twin brother-- Song You.

Thursday, after a few more officer training courses and an open candidate review for the people running for national officers, we were off to the Schlitterbahn, a water park about 45 minutes from San Antonio. We spent the day tubing down the river and going on rides and making new friendships with other chapters. On Friday we attended more officer training courses, committee meetings, and regional caucuses to nominate a new regional correspondent. That afternoon, we went out to lunch with Jeff Prescott, and then the three of us went to see the Alamo. That evening, everyone went down to the main ballroom and set up our chapter displays. Many people admired our display and our scrapbook, and commented on the closeness of the brotherhood that was evident through the display's pictures. We spent a few hours looking at other chapter's displays and t-shirt designs that they were selling to have new ideas to bring back to our chapter.

Saturday morning came and it was time for the final business session. After discussing many issues and taking care of business, we elected new Grand Officers. I have to say that it was very exciting to be a part of this process and it was an honor to be able to represent the Alpha Sigma chapter. After the meeting ended, the anticipation started building. The awards banquet was that evening, and Aura and I were anxious to see how we would do this year. After what felt like forever, the Grand Officers started the awards ceremony. I am proud to report that the Alpha Sigma chapter had 100% of the Achievement Award Program, placed FIRST for the newly renamed John D. Grabenstein Leadership Award, and placed sixth overall for the Thurston Cup. It was a thrilling evening and we were thrilled to represent our chapter. Shortly after the ceremony, the Phi DEXers went out to Pat O'Brien's again. During this outing, Aura and I spend a lot of time talking with the Omega, Psi and Lambda chapters about professional and community service projects.

Finally, Sunday morning came and it was time for us to go home, but we will be bringing home fresh ideas and a new perspective on our brotherhood to our chapters.

PROUD TO BE A PHI DEX!!!

This trip was made possible by Amy Lodolce, Ray Traficante, and the generous members of the Alpha Sigma Alumni Association!!!

AAAE,
Beth Nochowitz



From left to right: Grand President Tom Ellington presenting the 100% Achievement Award cup to Beth Nochowitz.

Chapter Event Highlights In Pictures

Instead of giving you the reader all the details of the events that the Alpha Sigma Chapter held early this fall, I will let the pictures speak for themselves!

Alpha Sigma Chapter Retreat August 2005:



The Executive Board for the Collegiate Chapter 2005-5006.



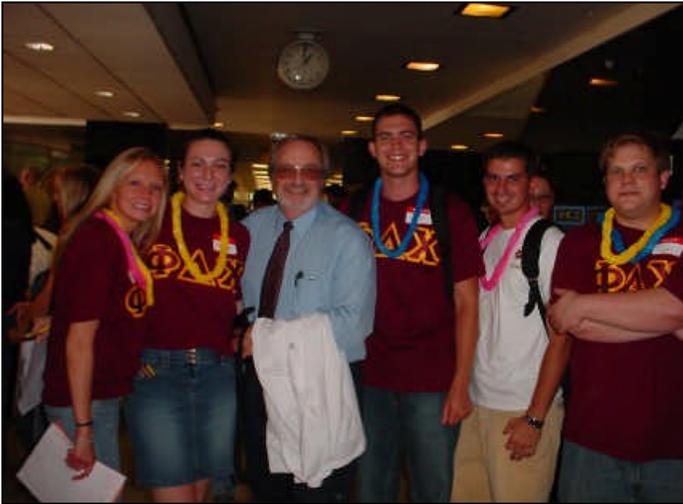
Chapter Advisors: Amy Lodolce and Ron Koch.



A beautiful August day for a retreat!

Chapter Event Highlights In Pictures (cont)

UIC Organization Day September 2005:



Chapter Advisor Ray Traficante and Collegiate Brothers on Organization Day.



The chapter had a very successful day, which led to a pledge class of over 50 pledges!

Tiki Tiki Rush Party September 2005:



Chapter Event Highlights In Pictures (cont)

Smoker Dinner September 2005:

Check out the pictures of a night filled with good cheese, food and wine!



Stuff and Stuff

As they say better late than never! Though this issue was delayed, the winter edition will be out by the middle of December recapping events from October through the end of the year. As always, please check e-mail and the PDC Alpha Sigma Alumni Association website for the most up to date info on events! Thanks for reading!

AAAE,
Chris Dymon

Annual Membership Drive & Dues Renewal

With the fall months, comes the time for members to renew their dues. We now offer more options than ever before to renew your dues online at: www.pdc-chicago.org/membership.htm or via regular mail as listed below.

Your dues and donations help us to continue the website, create newsletters, develop CE dinners, further build the PDC Memorial Scholarship Fund, and most of all, help the Collegiate Chapter with their events and trips.

If you know of any fellow Brothers who are not members yet, feel free to pass this newsletter along so we can continue to grow and to be the leading Alumni Chapter in Phi Delta Chi!

To all the Brothers that have already paid their dues, we thank you!!!

Alpha Sigma Alumni Association Membership Form 2005-2006

Name of Alum: _____

Chapter: _____ Year of Graduation: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Area of Pharmacy Practice: _____

Voluntary Donation to the Memorial Scholarship Fund (enter amount): \$ _____

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Mail payments to: Chris Dymon - 5864 N. Melvina Ave. Chicago, IL 60646-5306

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