

# Phi Delta Chi Alpha Sigma Alumni Association



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### Phi Delta Chi Memorial Scholarship Award

The Phi Delta Chi Memorial Scholarship was created by the Alpha Sigma Alumni Association in 1999. After many years of fundraising and direct donations from our members and the Collegiate Chapter, the fund became fully endowed and recognized by the Illinois Foundation. One of our primary goals as an organization is the continued funding and management of this scholarship fund. Each year since 2004, the University of Illinois - College of Pharmacy Scholarship Committee, has selected a (P-3) Alpha Sigma student to receive the Phi Delta Chi Memorial Scholarship. Selection is done anonymously to remove all bias.

This year's worthy recipient is Erika Maslennikov. Erika has been a tireless leader as (WCC) during this academic year. She has demonstrated leadership in the fraternity, volunteered in community outreach programs and remained active in other student organizations on campus. **Congratulations Erika!**

A total of thirty-one Alpha Sigma Brothers were recipients of 37 awards and scholarships at this year's 72nd Annual Doctor of Pharmacy Honors Convocation. Congratulations to all of the students that received recognition.

**Gabriel Acevedo, Mario Arias, Afolarin Arowora, Hayley Barnhouse, Priscilla Carranza, Christopher Cheng, Marta Ciolkowska, Hillary Debs, Hailey Feela, Sara Ganas, Giancarlo Garcia, Julissa Gomez, Christian Herrera, Theresa Ho, Klaudia Kruczak, Samantha Kueter, Jean Lee, Gianna Marino, Erika Maslennikov, Michael McShan, Patrik Nase, Jessica Opalka, Oceanna Pfeiffer, Anastasia Pogrebchtchikov, Haley Snodgrass, Zuzanna Strapoc, Felicia Tan, Makayla Varga, Alexandra Wierzciak, Alden Williams and Eric Zubek**



2024 Honors Convocation



Alumni Brothers presenting Scholarships



Dean Schumock



Ron Koch with Giancarlo Garcia



Erika Maslennikov, this year's PDC Memorial Scholarship recipient.



Brother Bill Wood speaking at this year's Convocation  
(Class of 1969 - Alpha Sigma-268)



**Congratulations to all of our Phi Delta Chi Brothers who received scholarships and acknowledgement at this year's convocation!**

*Pictured are 18 of the thirty-one recipients who received recognition along with Alpha Sigma Alumni Association President, Ray Traficante.*



## 2024 PDC Spring Formal Parlay Lincoln Park Friday, April 12th, 2024







The video slideshow of the entire collection of photos from the Spring Formal can be viewed online at:

[Spring Formal 2024](#)



## **Congratulations 2024-2025 Collegiate E-Board**

Congratulations to the newly elected Alpha Sigma E-board! Our Alumni Chapter looks forward to working with the E-board this coming academic year.

**Gianna Marino** (WCC), **Luis Vazquez** (WVC), **Cristian Herrera** (WKF), **Karla Crespo** (WKRS), **Eddie Machala** (WMA), **Hannah Bilek & Morgan Sielaff** (WCMS) (Worthy Candidate Mentors formerly Pledge Parents), **Lexi Terris** (WP), **Timothy Dorsey** (WIG), **Oceanna Pfeiffer** (WH), **Makayla Varga** (WC), **Dan Pacini** (WAL), **Marina Gianos** (Director of Education) (formerly Worthy Master of Education), and **Jacqueline Tomecki** (Social Director - WMD)

## **Alpha Sigma Alumni Chapter E-Board**

The newly elected Alpha Sigma Alumni Chapter officers are dedicated to the success of our chapter. The chapter was created and chartered on November 10th 1996. Since that time, we have had the honor of receiving the Outstanding Alumni Chapter Award from the Phi Delta Chi National Office six times. The tradition will continue!

**Ray Traficante** (President), **Chris Dymon** (1st Vice President), **Dominick Zotta** (2nd Vice President), **Anita Staron** (Treasurer), **Jaime Holden** (Secretary), **Jeff Prescott** (Webmaster) and **Brenna Wing** (Director of Communications)

## UIC College of Pharmacy - Phi Delta Chi Conference Fund

The new “Phi Delta Chi Conference Fund” has been established. This fund will be maintained by the College of Pharmacy and University of Illinois Foundation. The money that you donate will be distributed to Collegiate Chapter Brothers traveling to Phi Delta Chi professional meetings such as Grand Council, Leader Development Seminar and the Midwest Regional Meeting. The funds are held in trust by the Foundation and are distributed only to a student that has officially applied for the grant.

As an Alumni Brother, please consider making a charitable donation to this fund. The cost of sending a Collegiate Delegate to Grand Council and other PDC meetings has increased dramatically.

Click on this [LINK](#) for more complete instructions and a link to the Illinois Foundation’s webpage at the UIC College of Pharmacy. **The success of this endeavor will depend on all of us.**

## 75th Grand Council Charleston, South Carolina

Phi Delta Chi Fraternity will be holding Grand Council in the beautiful city of Charleston, South Carolina. The dates to reserve for Grand Council **voting delegates** are July 31st, 2024 thru August 3rd, 2024. (check out on Sunday 8-4-24)

The meeting will be held at the Embassy Suites (Airport).

There are several levels of registration available.

Pricing and detailed information can be found at:

[\*\*GRAND COUNCIL 2024\*\*](#)



As posted in the January e-Communicator:

## **GRAND COUNCIL 2024 WILL BE IN CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA! START PLANNING NOW!**

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

**The 75<sup>th</sup> Grand Council in 2024 will occur from  
July 31st through August 3rd in Charleston, South Carolina!**

**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 reference committees, Regional Caucuses, officer training courses, professional development opportunities, the Leader-Development Seminar (LDS) track, continuing education, and more.

**Start planning and fundraising now to attend the  
Ultimate Brotherhood Experience!**



Grand Council 2019 in Anaheim, CA.



Grand Council 2023 in Houston, TX.

**Grand Council 2024  
Registration Information**

## LEADERSHIP RETREAT and PICNIC (8-25-2024)

As in the past, our Alumni Chapter has reserved a shelter at Blackwell Forest Preserve. Officers from the Collegiate and Alumni Chapters will be getting together for the retreat.

**The park entrance is on Butterfield Rd. (Hwy 56)**

**From Chicago via I-88: Exit I-88 at Winfield Road - North  
Then Drive North (1.5 miles) to Butterfield Rd. (Hwy 56).**

**Turn left and drive two blocks to park entrance on the right.**

Open the link below for information and maps.

### [BLACKWELL FOREST PRESERVE](#)

When visiting the Blackwell WEB page above please click on the Blackwell Trails Map link and download the detailed PDF map link. The **retreat** is scheduled to begin promptly at **9:30 AM** at the **NORTH SHELTER**. (If using "Google Maps" make sure to enter the destination as the Blackwell Forest Preserve North Shelter)

Refreshments for the meeting and lunch will be provided by the Alumni Chapter. Burgers, Dogs and Brats will be cooked by "Chef Ron" and "Chef Ray". There will also be and side dishes galore, water and assorted sodas.

**(Alcoholic drinks are not allowed in the park)**

Alumni are invited to participate in the Collegiate Chapter Retreat or just attend the **picnic lunch** at approximately **12:30 PM**.

Family members are welcome to the picnic. Immediately after lunch, the Alumni Chapter will conduct a short business meeting.

Please contact the [Alpha Sigma Alumni Chapter](#) if you are planning to attend the picnic. There are plenty of activities and things to do at this beautiful forest preserve! The Blackwell Forest Preserve is very accessible and easy to find. Just visit the Blackwell [website](#) for additional directions, maps, and info.



Photos taken at the 2023  
Retreat



The Alumni Association Facebook Page is up and running. If you are interested in seeking out a Brother or you just want to stay connected and in touch with the chapter, consider adding the private [PDC Alpha Sigma Alumni Facebook Page](#) to your list of favorite sites. Only Phi Delta Chi Brothers will have access to see who is in the group and what they post. Just make your request to be added, and once you are verified as a Brother, you will have access to the page.

Donations made directly to the Alumni Association are used to help defer a variety of expenses. This includes Corporate State fees, Collegiate Brothers with travel expenses to professional meetings, support of the chapter website and the “Annual Retreat and Picnic”.

If you know of any fellow Brothers who are not getting this newsletter, please feel free to pass the newsletter link along so we can continue to grow and continue to be a leading Alumni Chapter of Phi Delta Chi.

***To all the Brothers that have already given a donation to our alumni chapter, we thank you!!!***

## Alpha Sigma Alumni Association Donation Form

2024

Voluntary Suggested Donation  
is only \$20 per alum



Donations can be made by **check** or **online** at:

[Link to our Donation Page](#)

**Alumni Brothers from all regions are welcome to join our  
Alumni Association!**