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Grand Council 2026 Louisville Update July 29th to August 2nd

The Alpha Sigma Alumni E-Board met with Gabriella Golderos (WCC) and Margaret Schwab (WAL) to discuss the distribution of funds made available by those who donated to this year's Grand Council Collegiate Travel Fund. We didn't reach our final goal of \$2500 yet, but we we're close. **Thank you, to all the Alumni Brothers who donated to the travel fund. We raised \$1,935 dollars!** This should be enough to send 2 Collegiate Brothers to this year's Grand Council.



E-Board meeting at Palmer Place in LaGrange, June 7th, 2026

Grand Council 2026 - Louisville, KY July 29th to August 2nd

LOCATION: [Galt House Hotel](#) by Wyndham, Louisville, KY



Less than 6 months until the ultimate fraternal experience!

Set in the heart of downtown Louisville, this year's conference promises something for everyone - collegiate, alumni, and family members alike. With engaging programming, unforgettable experiences, and easy access to local attractions, this is a weekend you won't want to miss.

Registration will be open from June 20th through July 19th!

Conference Registration Rates:

- Collegiate Delegate: \$350
- Alumni Delegate: \$400
- Alumni Weekend: \$350 Guest: \$275
- Guest Weekend: \$260
- Banquet Only: \$100

We look forward to celebrating together and welcoming you to Louisville!

[Grand Council 2026 Information and Registration Links](#)

LEADERSHIP RETREAT and PICNIC (8-16-2026)

Our Alumni Chapter has reserved a **shelter** at the Hidden Lake Forest Preserve in Downers Grove. Officers from the Collegiate and Alumni Chapters will be getting together for the retreat. The **park entrance is on IL-Route 53 just south of Butterfield Road**. If Driving from Chicago via I-88: Exit I-88 at Route 53 North (right turn from exit ramp). Then drive 1.7 miles north to the preserve entrance on the right. (across the street from Walmart) Consult Google Maps for the best directions.

[Hidden Lake Forest Preserve](#) Hiking Trail Maps are available on the preserve website.

The **retreat** is scheduled to begin promptly at **9:30 AM** at the large modern shelter that you will see on your left when entering the preserve.

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 plan on attending the picnic. There are plenty of activities and things to do at this beautiful forest preserve! Just visit the Hidden Lake [website](#) for additional directions, maps, and info.



2023 Retreat

“Paul’s Pharm Party” 8-29-2026

Brother Paul Wachter (ΑΣ 528-Class of 1986) has invited the Collegiate and Alumni Brothers to his home in Warren, IL, the weekend of August 29th. Last year, Paul prepared his famous Smoked Brisket and Pulled Pork. The day’s events included ATV rides around his 20 acre farm, fishing in a 2 acre stocked fishing pond, learning how to drive a tractor, cooking s’mores at a campfire and making late night homemade pizza “to order” in Paul’s 900 degree outdoor pizza oven. **SAVE THE DATE!** (more info on the next page)



**Photos are from last years party at
Paul’s farm in Warren , IL.**



The 2nd Annual “Pharm Party” INFORMATION

Family and friends are welcome to spend the day and evening at “**Paul’s Pharm Party**” starting at NOON, August 29th !

LOCATION: 8543 E. Twin Bridges Road

Warren, IL. 61087 (use Google Maps)

The town of Warren is near the Wisconsin border. This is a **two hour drive from Chicagoland**. It’s recommended that anyone attending the party stay overnight. Paul is offering to provide shelter in his home and his “pop-up” camper on Saturday night. The lower level bedroom has a queen sized bed and a private bathroom. The main level “bunk” room is a Double/Queen with a shared bathroom. The air conditioned camper contains 2 Queen sized beds. If you are interested in these accommodations, it’s on a “**first to reserve**” basis.

(**NOTE:** Bring your own sleeping bag for the camper)

Paul also has ONE RV-ELECTRIC HOOK-UP available if someone wants to bring their RV. There is also plenty of room for camping overnight. Electric can be provided for tent campers.

HOTEL INFO: There is a [Country Inn & Suites](#) in nearby Stockton, IL, about 15 minutes south of Paul’s home. Families may like to come a day earlier to enjoy the sights in and around the town of [Galena](#). (20 minutes west of the hotel)



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“Paul’s Pharm Party” 8-29-2026

What’s it going to cost:

Unfortunately, the party can’t be free. There is a lot going into the planning. If you are going to attend, the charge will be **\$25 per person.** (children free) **Students \$20 each**

Chef Paul needs an accurate head count for the event!!!

FINAL COUNT is due August 17th.

If you say you are going, then **you are responsible for paying whether you show up or not. Venmo is accepted for payment. RSVP early!**

Venmo Paul: @gringofish2263

What to Bring:

- (1) Bring a cooler ! Bring extra bottles of water and most importantly a bag of ice. (available at the gas station in Warren)
- (2) Bring your own soft drinks, beer, alcoholic favorites along with snacks. (Optional dish to share, but please check with Paul)
- (3) If you are camping, bring an extension cord for possible electric hook-up. (Paul has a few extension cords)
- (4) Very Important...Bring a chair for each attendee and maybe one extra
- (5) If you plan on fishing, bring a pole. (Paul has a some you can use)

What is Provided:

- Chef Paul will be preparing his “world famous” Brisket and Pulled Pork for the event. He also has a pizza oven to prepare made to order pizza, if MEAT is not your only love in life. Side dishes, desert and snacks.
- Acres of land for everyone to enjoy. How about a “cornhole” tournament? There is also a 2 acre pond that Paul has stocked for fishing. Bring a pole if you wish to test your luck !!
- Water will be provided, but it’s best to bring extra from home.

RSVP early and please VENMO in advance. @gringofish2263
Head count deadline is August 17th (NOON).

The Alpha Sigma Collegiate Chapter 2026 Grand Council - Travel Fund

We need the help of our alumni to make this a reality. Please consider making a donation to this effort. We have only a few days left to reach our goal.

[Grand Council 2026 Collegiate Travel Fund](#)

Any money that is un-used that has not been applied for, will be added to next year's Grand Council Collegiate Travel Fund.

Alumni Chapter Private Facebook Page

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.

Alpha Sigma Collegiate Chapter E-Board 2026-2027

Congratulations to the newly elected officers of the Collegiate Chapter ! Our Alumni Chapter looks forward to working with all of you during the new academic year.

WCC: **Gabriela Golderos**, WVC: **Madi Kelton**, WC: **Jada Bailey**, WKRS: **Jesus Alvarez Cortes**, WKF: **Sumehra Taj**, WIG: **Marianna Huerta**, WMA: **Gungie Jeong**, WP: **Kendrick Alvarez Lozada**, WCMs (Pledge Parents): **Stefania Cosentino** and **Logan Dolibois**, WH: **Shudhita Singh**, Social Director: **Ryan Harrell** and WAL: **Margaret Schwab**

Donations made directly to our [Alumni Association](#) are used to help defer a variety of expenses. This includes Corporate State fees, miscellaneous **Collegiate Chapter** expenses, support of the chapter website and the “Annual Retreat”. If you know of any Brothers who are not receiving this newsletter, please feel free to pass along our newsletter link.

Your support through the years has helped us to grow and continue being a leading Alumni Chapter of Phi Delta Chi.

“Each Needs the Help of the Other”

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

Alpha Sigma Alumni Association Donation Form 2026

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!**

