



# e-Communicator

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## Calendar

Event	Date	Contact
<a href="#">Eastern Regional Conference</a> , Boston, MA	March 19 – 21, 2010	Host Chapter (Eta)
<a href="#">Southcentral Regional Conference</a> , Oxford, MS	March 26 – 28, 2010	Host Chapter (Alpha Epsilon)
<a href="#">Western Regional Conference</a> , Las Vegas, NV	March 26 – 28, 2010	Host Chapter (Beta Upsilon)
<a href="#">Midwestern Regional Conference</a> , Minneapolis, MN	April 9 – 11, 2010	Host Chapter (Theta)
<a href="#">Southeastern Regional Conference</a> , Johnson City, TN	April 9 – 11, 2010	Host Chapter (Gamma Gamma)
Tom Stout Thousand Dinner and Rush Dinner	May 1, 2010	Jake Taylor, Alpha Psi WAA <a href="mailto:J_Taylor8@pacific.edu">J_Taylor8@pacific.edu</a>
13 <sup>th</sup> Leader Development Seminar (LDS), Madison, WI	August 4 – 8, 2010	<a href="http://www.phideltachi.org/events/lds_2010.html">http://www.phideltachi.org/events/lds_2010.html</a>

If your chapter has a major event coming up, then please send the information to [gvpc@phideltachi.org](mailto:gvpc@phideltachi.org) to have it placed in this calendar!

## Fraternity Links

- [Phi Delta Chi website](#)
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- [National office](#)
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- [67<sup>th</sup> Grand Council Photos](#)
- [Phi Delta Chi jewelry](#)
- [Register for Regional Conferences](#)
- [Pay alumni dues online](#)

**Don't forget to register for the 13<sup>th</sup> Leader Development Seminar at Madison, WI**

**August 4 – 7, 2010 Click HERE!**

## GRAND PRESIDENT UPDATE



Brothers!

It is with genuine pleasure and enthusiasm that I write to you to share news of Phi Delta Chi's 2010 Regional Conferences! Regional Conferences provide an opportunity for Phi Delta Chi Brothers to attend a nearby gathering of multiple Phi Delta Chi Chapters. Brothers are given the opportunity to sample the offerings of Phi Delta Chi as a national organization, including officer training, Brotherhood, and policy development. This year's officer training workshops include Building a Chapter from Within, Faculty Relations, The Achievement Awards Program, and The Ritual Link. Brothers also will see firsthand how the Ritual provides the common bond that unites us all as Brothers of Phi Delta Chi. Additionally, regional and national fraternity business will be conducted during these weekend conferences. Brothers will have an opportunity to recommend and review proposed changes in regional or national policies or the Constitution and Bylaws of Phi Delta Chi. Moreover, the next Regional Correspondents will be elected during each Regional Conference. Are you up to the challenge to serve the Fraternity in this capacity? If so, I encourage you to obtain an application from Jennifer Esch, Grand Vice President for Student Affairs.

Does your Chapter library include Phi Delta Chi: A Tradition of Leaders in Pharmacy? Consider adding this 577-page volume by Past Grand President John D. Grabenstein to your Chapter library or giving this book as a gift to an outstanding Brother in your Chapter. You are sure to learn new and interesting information about our Fraternity and the profession of pharmacy as you read Phi Delta Chi: A Tradition of Leaders in Pharmacy. Take advantage of the opportunity to purchase one of the copies available at your Regional Conference.

The Regional Conferences are the only Phi Delta Chi meetings that Collegiate Brothers are asked to plan and run. Conference sites rotate in Greek alphabetical order among the Chapters of each region. This results in Regional Conferences that are planned by Collegiate Brothers with little or no experience planning a meeting of this magnitude. Using the Regional Conference Manual revised by Eran Gonsor (Chi/Beta Upsilon) and Michael Nelson (Theta), our host Chapters and Regional Officers have worked diligently to plan and organize our Regional Conferences. I would like to extend a special thank you to the Brothers at Eta, Theta, Alpha Epsilon, Gamma Gamma, and Beta Upsilon for welcoming and overcoming the challenges associated with hosting a Regional Conference. I

am continually amazed by the outcomes of the application of our motto! These well-planned Regional Conferences will strengthen Chapters, Regions, and ultimately Phi Delta Chi. Registration forms for all of these Regional Conferences are available for you to download at [www.phideltachi.org](http://www.phideltachi.org). Chapter attendance and representation are crucial to the future success of Phi Delta Chi. At least one Brother from each Chapter must attend their Regional Conference. A major purpose of each Regional Conference "is to foster and promote a fraternal spirit among its members." Attendance at a Regional Conference promotes the exchange of ideas between Chapters. When a Chapter is absent from a Regional Conference the region is deprived of that Chapter's expertise, experiences, personality, and Brotherhood. To earn maximum credit in the Achievement Award program send at least three Brothers from your Chapter. Send at least four Brothers from your Chapter to optimize learning from the four officer training workshops. Before arriving, each Chapter should prepare a chapter report summarizing activities within the following categories: professional and service projects, scholarship and leadership, membership and Brotherhood news, honors and awards, alumni news, and sports and social events. This report highlights unique chapter events and news the Chapter would like to share with the region. Chapters will share this information during the Business Meeting to facilitate an exchange of ideas which will ultimately strengthen Phi Delta Chi. An electronic copy of this report should be provided to your respective Regional Correspondent prior to your Regional Conference. A hard copy and an electronic copy should also be brought to the Regional Conference. Chapters should also complete the Chapter Self Evaluation before traveling to their Regional Conference. This facilitates discussions between Collegiate Brothers and Regional and Grand Officers during the chapter interviews. The chapter interviews will provide an opportunity for Regional and Grand Officers to identify additional support or service needs of each Chapter. You may obtain a copy of the Chapter Self Evaluation Form from your Regional Correspondent. I hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to partake in the sharing of fraternal hopes, goals, challenges, Brotherhood, and fraternal spirit!

Fraternally,

Brandon

## COLLEGIATE AFFAIRS UPDATE



Hello from Collegiate Affairs!

After a busy Winter of chartering Chapters, we now have 3 active Colonies. Auburn University Harrison School of Pharmacy at the University of Southern Alabama located in Mobile, AL. has petitioned to charter a Chapter and is awaiting your votes. They will be joining the Southeast Region. Don't wait, express your vote today! Belmont University in Nashville, TN has petitioned for Colony status and chosen Jennifer Bramlett (Omega) to serve as Colony Coordinator. Dean Phillip Johnston (Omega) will serve as Faculty Advisor.

University of the Incarnate Word in San Antonio, TX has also petitioned for Colony status. No Colony Coordinator has been assigned. If you know of alumni in the San Antonio area that might wish to serve, please notify me by e-mail at [gypca@phideltachi.org](mailto:gypca@phideltachi.org). Helen Smith (Lambda) and Blair Sarbacker (Beta Omega) will serve as Faculty Advisors.

We have completed our first ChEQ visit of the year at Beta Rho, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Pharmacy. Myself and SCRC Jenna Faircloth traveled to Amarillo, TX to interview and visit with Beta Rho and their faculty. They graciously invited us to their Spring Formal Dinner where a good time was had by all. A big thanks to Beta Rho for hosting us and all of their great work as a Chapter. We have 4 more visits scheduled for this year at Zeta, Alpha Sigma, Alpha Delta, and Beta Tau.

Regional Conferences are fast approaching. Here is a reminder of dates and EC member assigned to each conference. We will soon be sending out information to your facilitators. Please submit your list to me if you haven't already.

- Western-Beta Upsilon Las Vegas, NV March 26-28 GVP SA Jennifer Esch assigned
- Midwestern- Theta Minneapolis, MN April 9-11 GP Brandon Sucher assigned
- Southcentral-Alpha Epsilon Oxford, MS March 26-28 GVP AA Michael Mohundro assigned
- Southeastern-Gamma Gamma Johnson City, TN April 9-11 ED Kenny Walkup assigned
- Eastern- Eta Boston, MA March 19-21 GPP Song You and PLEI ED Ron Corey assigned

Hope to see all of you in the near future!

AAAAE,

Amy Valdez, R.Ph.

Grand Vice President for Collegiate Affairs

## ALUMNI AFFAIRS UPDATE



By now each Alumni Brother should have received their annual dues notice. The Fraternity has sent out approximately 18,000 dues notices during this biannual campaign. If you have not received a dues notice please contact the National Office to verify your contact information or go directly to [www.phideltachi.org](http://www.phideltachi.org) where you can pay your dues directly online and update your contact information. Currently, we have 477 dues paying alumni and 799 Life Members. I applaud each and every Brother that has continued their commitment to be a Brother for Life. After graduation things in our lives pull us in many different directions and make it difficult to maintain this pledge. At times it may be

difficult to see the value received for those dues, however, without them the Fraternity would not be able to Advance the Science of Pharmacy by explaining our presence at the rapidly growing number of Colleges of Pharmacy. We would not be able to administer the achievement award program recognizing and promoting scholarship and leadership. We would also not be able to host a booth and reception at the annual pharmacy meetings nor build a foundation wherein true tangible benefits may be realized by our alumni membership besides receiving the Communicator. We are continuing the "One Brother at a Time Program", but as you can see from the data, things are not turning out as expected. With just a 2.7% response rate from the mailing, it appears that we have lost 36 dues paying alumni and have a long way to go to reach the goal of 770.

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & NATIONAL OFFICE UPDATE



Here is a great way to recognize your graduating brothers. Order them graduation medallions or graduation cords. The medallions are special order and require 30 days to order. We have both the regular and intertwined cords in stock. Order early so we can fill all orders and avoid out of stocks. Order at [www.thepdcstore.com](http://www.thepdcstore.com).

If you are planning on heading to Washington DC for APhA next month, please plan on joining your PDC brothers. We will once again be having a booth in the exhibit hall, so please stop by and say "Hi".

The Pharmacy Leadership and Education Institute will present the Albert B. Prescott Leadership Award to Beta Gamma brother Jeff Neigh. That will take place at the Grand Hyatt Washington in the Arlington/Cabin John Room at 5:00pm on Sunday, March 14.

Phi Delta Chi will be hosting a reception on Sunday night at the Grand Hyatt Washington in the Room Constitution B at 6:30pm. Join your PDC brothers and meet some of your Regional and National Officers.

## COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE



Thank you for your feedback on the recent Communicator issue. Most of the positive comments centered around having lots of Grand Council photos, so I'll try to continue that practice. I think it also points to the value of hiring a photographer to chronicle our major fraternity events.

The next Communicator goes to press in late March and should reach your mailbox by late April or early May. My thanks to all of you who have generously contributed your time in developing content for this upcoming issue.

I am always interested in your ideas for articles and features in The Communicator. I can't promise to publish everything, but the more ideas you send the better our publication will be! Please e-mail me at anytime with your suggestions at [gvpc@phideltachi.org](mailto:gvpc@phideltachi.org).

Looking ahead, the fall Communicator is scheduled for the end of August 2010. There are several topics that I'd like to feature in the fall issue: 1) considering a career in pharmacy academics and 2) ideas for successful rush activities. If you are a pharmacy faculty Brother that would like to contribute to this issue, please contact me. If you have Rush ideas that worked well at your chapter and wish to share them with our Fraternity, then please contact me.

AAAE,

Michael Nelson

Grand Vice President for Collegiate Affairs

## Midwestern Region News

ALPHA • DELTA • THETA • TAU • PHI • PSI • ALPHA SIGMA  
ALPHA UPSILON • ALPHA PHI • BETA DELTA • BETA XI • GAMMA KAPPA

Psi Brothers assist in over 400 health screenings during a student organized health fair. For more details, [click here](#).

Please send Midwestern Region news to GVPC Michael Nelson at [gvpc@phideltachi.org](mailto:gvpc@phideltachi.org).

## **Eastern Region News**

EPLISON • ETA • IOTA • MU • ALPHA THETA • ALPHA LAMBDA  
ALPHA OMICRON • BETA ALPHA • BETA GAMMA • BETA ZETA  
BETA NU • BETA TAU • BETA CHI • GAMMA ETA

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## **Southcentral Region News**

LAMBDA • RHO • OMEGA • ALPHA EPSILON • ALPHA TAU  
ALPHA OMEGA • BETA BETA • BETA ETA • BETA OMICRON  
BETA RHO • GAMMA DELTA • GAMMA EPSILON • GAMMA ZETA

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## **Southeastern Region News**

CHI • ALPHA GAMMA • ALPHA DELTA • ALPHA IOTA  
ALPHA KAPPA • ALPHA RHO • BETA KAPPA • BETA LAMBDA  
BETA PI • BETA CHI • BETA OMEGA • GAMMA GAMMA

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## **Western Region News**

ZETA • OMICRON • SIGMA • ALPHA ZETA • ALPHA MU  
ALPHA NU • ALPHA PSI • BETA IOTA • BETA SIGMA  
BETA UPSILON • GAMMA ALPHA • GAMMA BETA • GAMMA THETA

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