



Phi Delta Chi Chapter Operations Manual

Benefits of Joining Phi Delta Chi

Personal and Professional Growth

Through involvement in Phi Delta Chi, collegiate Brothers have the opportunity to:

- Participate in the initial phase of the fraternal continuum.
- Prepare for the life-long commitment to the Brotherhood.
- Learn skills to more effectively lead self and others.
- Learn skills for individual professional and personal growth
- Learn skills to organize people and resources.
- Serve the college of pharmacy and surrounding community.
- Motivate others to live the mission of the Fraternity.
- Strengthen the external perception of the Fraternity.

Phi Delta Chi also offers opportunities to meet peers and alumni Brothers, providing a foundation for the development of long-lasting friendships.

A Role in Shaping the Profession

By building confident, professional Brothers, the Fraternity positions itself to contribute well-groomed leaders for the pharmacy profession. The best health care requires pharmacists committed to providing pharmaceutical care. Phi Delta Chi Brothers aim to improve the health of their patients through the delivery of optimal pharmaceutical care. By training, educating, preparing, and connecting excellent pharmacists, Phi Delta Chi advances public health and the profession.

Leadership Opportunities

Phi Delta Chi Brothers have internal and external leadership opportunities available. Phi Delta Chi gives Brothers the opportunity to chair committees, serve as chapter officers, and serve as collegiate delegates to the Grand Council and Regional Conferences. The offices of Regional Correspondent and Grand Vice President for Student Affairs are the primary offices available to collegiate Brothers. The Executive Council may appoint collegiate Brothers to participate on ad hoc or standing committees as the need arises.

Phi Delta Chi provides many chances for Brothers to serve their chosen profession and develop leadership skills that can be used in their community. Phi Delta Chi encourages collegiate Brothers to explore leadership styles and identify opportunities to grow.

Collegiate Brothers are enabled to assume leadership roles in other organizations on their campus (e.g., APhA-Academy of Students of Pharmacy, student chapters of the American Society of Health System Pharmacists and the National Community Pharmacist Associations, student councils, interfraternal councils).

Phi Delta Chi collegiate Brothers are frequently honored with invitations to join Phi Lambda Sigma Leadership Society and Rho Chi, the national pharmacy honoraries recognizing excellence in leadership and academics, respectively.



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Alumni Obligation and Opportunities

When individuals take the fraternal oath, it is assumed that their commitment will last a lifetime, regardless of the point at which an individual enters the continuum.

At this point, it is important to discuss the difference between “active,” “collegiate,” and “alumni” membership. It is common for people to use the term “active member” when referring to a college student. But “active” literally refers to vibrancy and degree of involvement. Many alumni Brothers are very active indeed. So, Phi Delta Chi uses the terms “collegiate” and “alumni” membership to refer to those two phases of a person’s life. We hope all Brothers, both collegiate and alumni Brothers, remain very active in each of these stages.

As a collegiate Brother transitions to alumni status, the first portion of post-graduation dues is paid by the collegiate Chapter through a portion of the last year’s NODs. This financial arrangement facilitates a Brother’s transition from student to practitioner status; hence, alumni status. At this time, there are over two dozen officially chartered alumni Phi Delta Chi Chapters. The collegiate Chapter serves as the center of reunion for all Brothers particularly where an alumni Chapter does not exist.

Distinguished Alumni Brothers are selected by each collegiate Chapter. The alumni Brothers selected have his or her professional career and accomplishments highlighted in *The Communicator*. This gives the collegiate Brothers an opportunity to be exposed to a myriad of career avenues, learning from those who are successfully navigating the professional environment.