

# All About Alpha Chi Sigma

## History

Alpha Chi Sigma Fraternity was founded on Dec. 11, 1902, by a group of chemistry students at the University of Wisconsin who wanted to create an organization whose purposes were to promote good fellowship and scholarship among those in their department.



The nine founders of Alpha Chi Sigma are (back row, left to right) T. Howard Mathews, Edward Mattke, B.E. McCormick, James Silverthorn, (front row, left to right) Joseph G. Holty, Harold Eggers, Frank J. Petura, A.E. Kundert and (not pictured) Raymond Tracy Conger.

The fundamental ideals they established have remained an integral part of the Fraternity and now are manifested in our Three Objects:

1. To bind its members with a tie of true and lasting friendship.
2. To strive for the advancement of chemistry both as a science and as a profession.
3. To aid its members by every honorable means in the attainment of their ambitions as chemists throughout their mortal lives.

Our past is prestigious. Not only are many of our members world-class scientists and engineers – including 21 Nobel Laureates – but we also sponsor a variety of scholarships and awards.

## Our Membership

Collegiate members benefit from a local group not only to help with their studies and projects but also to participate in activities that teach the roles of leadership and management. We also provide an opportunity to create lifelong friendships with others interested in chemistry.

As a professional member, further opportunities for meeting other members can help with your employment, hiring and relaxation. Our professional members appreciate meeting others involved in chemistry outside of their workplaces and often outside of their field of work.

Membership is for life.

Purely professional organizations have their place, and social fraternities also offer much to students. But only a professional fraternity can provide college students and professionals in chemistry and related fields with the interests and bonds of a fraternity.

Since 1902, 98 chapters have been established around the country, and more than 66,000 men and women have been initiated. Now in its second century, Alpha Chi Sigma remains the nation's only professional chemistry fraternity. Its goals and ideals remain virtually unchanged, but its makeup and methods are still undergoing transmutation.

## Becoming a Member

Both collegiates and professionals can join Alpha Chi Sigma through at a collegiate chapter. All prospective members should be willing to abide by The Three Objects of the Fraternity and The Obligations of a Member of the Fraternity:

1. That a member will remember the Objects of the Fraternity and endeavor always to further them.
2. That a member will pay promptly all financial obligations.
3. That a member will act so as never to be a reproach to Alpha Chi Sigma.
4. That a member will cheerfully fulfill any assigned fraternal task.
5. That a member will maintain as satisfactory a scholastic record as possible.

## Establishing a Chapter

If you would like to form a chapter at your school or in your region, let us know you are interested! Contact the National Office. The staff will put you in touch with the Expansion Director, who will help you through the colonization process.

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