

Celebrate Alpha Chi's Centennial! — *March 24-26, 2022*

Alpha Chi National Convention in Austin

Sheraton Austin at the Capitol, 701 E. 11th St., Austin, TX 78701

Alpha Chi's 2022 convention will take delegates on a trip through Alpha Chi's past and present, and together we'll imagine what the future of Alpha Chi might look like. Of course, the convention will also feature student presentations, academic networking, a plethora of exciting awards, and panel discussions for advisors and student members alike. You'll also have an afternoon free to explore Austin or even head over to the campus of Southwestern University where the meeting took place that started our honor society into motion and where our Society archives are housed. Events begin on Thursday afternoon and wrap up on Saturday evening!



Chapter Registration: Starting mid-January, each chapter can pre-register its delegation via the Registration tab on the Conventions page online. All convention registration fees can be paid by credit card or check. Once pre-registered, all changes to your delegation will need to be made by phone or email to the National Office.

Registration Fees: \$85 per Alpha Chi student and/or advisor delegate for badge access to all sessions and meal events; \$150 for an all-access guest badge; \$55 each for an opening dinner or closing dinner guest pass. Guest passes may still be available for purchase after March 1, but please call the office for availability.

Hotel Information: The AX room rate is \$199 (with tax about \$233) for 1-4 people per night for a king or double-full (full not queen beds) room. To reserve rooms, go to <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1638385062573&key=GRP&app=resvlink> or call the Sheraton Reservations Center at 1-888-627-8349 and reference the Alpha Chi National College Honor Society. Sheraton check-in is at 3 pm with check-out by noon. Guestroom wi-fi, indoor pool, and fitness center are complimentary. Late cancellations/early departures will be handled according to hotel policy. Each room will require guarantee by credit card. All room reservations must be made directly with the Sheraton.

Alpha Chi's room rate and block will be available through March 1, but don't wait to book your rooms. Since we won't have unlimited access to the hotel's entire guestroom inventory, it's a best practice to reserve a block of rooms as soon as you have an idea of what you'll need. You can call the hotel later to release a room or provide guest details.

Ground Transportation: Austin traffic is notoriously heavy, so a trip from the airport to the hotel could take as little as 15 minutes but could also be much longer. Consider a route from the airport that doesn't involve much of I-35 (which has a great chance of congestion at certain times of day). Also, there is a long, mostly covered walk from baggage claim to the ride share pickup area, so if you plan to take a Lyft, Uber, or taxi, please keep this in mind. On your return to the airport, a rideshare can drop you off right at ticketing.

Alpha Chi's special self-park rate at the hotel is \$15 per vehicle, per night.

Student Presentations: From mid-January to February 15, students will submit their own presentation information via an online method we'll communicate in January.

Convention Presentation Prize Competition Suspended: Given the pandemic and the unknown nature of convention participation this year, the Council has decided to suspend the competition for \$100 prizes in

the 25+ academic disciplines for which prizes have been named. Since this competition is judged by chapter advisors in their various fields, we are worried that we will not have adequate coverage for the competition.

Poster Forum Suspended: Posters are still welcome, but students bringing posters this year will be assigned a regular timeslot in a regular presentation session with other presenters in their fields. There will be no separate “poster forum” this year. (This is what had been planned for the 2021 convention that was supposed to happen in Albuquerque.)

Deadlines: Feb. 15 is the deadline for convention pre-registration and fee payments, as well as student presentation entries. **The deadline to request a convention fee refund is March 10.**

Critical COVID-19 Information: The continuing state of COVID variants and surges complicate the planning of any kind of in-person event. Alpha Chi leadership and staff are working closely with the Sheraton to plan all events with proper distancing and sanitation to provide as safe an environment as possible. The leadership of Alpha Chi has planned with high hopes for an in-person event with the following restrictions in place at this time.

- All delegates registering to attend the convention must attest to having received full-dose vaccination for COVID-19 which will need to be visually verified by the chapter advisor prior to registration. The date of the final dose and/or any booster doses will be required information during registration.
- Each delegate’s vaccination card or paperwork must be presented upon checking in at AX central at the start of the convention.
- Delegates will be required to wear CDC-approved masks during all convention events that occur indoors, in both meeting rooms and common areas. This will be enforced throughout the event, and any delegate found unwilling to comply will be asked to leave the convention floor and may lose the opportunity to give their presentation or return to the convention floor at all.
- Delegates asked to leave the convention floor for breaking these rules may forfeit the ability to receive travel and/or housing grants for convention participation at the discretion of the National Council of Alpha Chi.
- Due to COVID-19 considerations, Shared Doubles will not be arranged by the national office this year.

Vaccination Status: For delegates not yet fully vaccinated, the last day to receive your final dose of COVID-19 vaccine will be March 10, 2022 (2 doses Pfizer/Moderna, 1 dose J&J). If a delegate wishes to request a medical exemption, a “Medical Exemption from COVID-19 Vaccination Requirement” form will need to be obtained from a medical facility/physician and sent to office@alphachihonor.org by Feb. 15. Receipt of this form does not mean an exemption has been granted by Alpha Chi, but a decision will be communicated within a few days of receipt of the form.

If a medical exemption is granted, proof of a negative COVID test result from a test administered no sooner than March 21, 2022 will be required at check-in. In addition, the delegate will be required to properly wear a CDC-approved face-covering at all official convention events, regardless of their location.

Alpha Chi Centennial Convention

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Tentative Schedule



Thursday, March 24

- 2:00-5:00 p.m. **Chapter Delegation Check-in at AX Central
Alpha Chi Retrospective Exhibit**
- 3:00 p.m. **Sheraton Austin at the Capitol guestroom check-in begins**
- 4:30-5:15 p.m. **Alpha Chi Alumni & Advisor Reception**
- 5:30-6:45 p.m. **Picnic on the Lawn**
All-delegate finger-food meal in the courtyard. Professional photography will be available for centennial-themed chapter photos.
- 7:00-7:50 p.m. **A Centennial Convention Welcome—AX Past**
We'll hear from two important alumni in Alpha Chi's history: Dr. Robert Sledge and Dr. Dennis Organ, the writers of Alpha Chi's updated historical memoir entitled *Scholarship and Character: 100 Years of Alpha Chi*. The centennial oral history project, "Voices of Alpha Chi" will be presented.
- 8:00-8:50 p.m. **Regional Roundups!**
Delegates will convene in their regions for regional welcomes and networking.
- 9:00-10:00 p.m. **Backyard Social**
Join us back outside for music, games, beverages, and dessert! Professional photography will be available for centennial-themed chapter photos.

Friday, March 25

- 6:30-7:15 a.m. **Sunrise Stretch Sesh—Beginner Level Yoga (BYO gear)**
- 7:15-8:15 a.m. **Grab & Go Breakfast and Coffee**
Your breakfast box will be available for pick-up during this time. Grab it and a beverage to go, and enjoy your meal back in your room, around the hotel's common areas, or outdoors. Note that when programming begins at 8:30, food may not be consumed during meetings in session.
- 8:30-9:30 a.m. **Collaborative Research Competition Presentations**
The first group of teams will present their research.
- 8:30-9:30 a.m. **Student Presentations**
Up to 12 concurrent sections of student presentations grouped into rooms by academic discipline.
- 9:45-10:30 a.m. **General Session—AX Present**
Executive Director Lara Noah and Dr. June Hobbs will share important events and recollections from Alpha Chi's most recent decade. There are a few constitutional amendments that will be brought to the floor for a vote following the presentation.

- 10:45-11:25 a.m. Regional Business Meetings with Regional Officer Elections**
All seven regions will elect a new President and Vice President. Regions I and V will elect a Secretary-Treasurer, and Regions II, IV, and VI will elect new Student Representatives to the National Council.
- 11:30-12:30 p.m. Collaborative Research Competition Presentations**
The final group of teams will present their research.
- 11:30-12:30 p.m. Student Presentations**
Up to 12 concurrent sections of student presentations grouped into rooms by academic discipline.
- 12:30 p.m. Afternoon & Evening Free**
The city awaits! We hope you enjoy the sights and sounds of Austin.

Saturday, March 26

- 6:30-7:15 a.m. Sunrise Stretch Sesh—Beginner Level Yoga (BYO gear)**
- 7:15-8:15 a.m. Grab & Go Breakfast and Coffee**
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- 8:15-9:15 a.m. Student Presentations**
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- 9:30-10:50 a.m. 3-Part General Session**
Distinguished Alumni Keynote—Dr. Emily R. Smith, alumna of the Texas Alpha Eta chapter at Wayland Baptist University, will address delegates.
More Awards & Honors—Advisor Service Awards, Scholarship Announcements, Collaborative Research Prizes Awarded
AX Future—Join Student Reps Abigail Manis and Ande Marini as they lead us in imagining what the Alpha Chi of the future might look like.
- 11:00-Noon Student Presentations**
Up to 12 concurrent sections of student presentations grouped into rooms by academic discipline.
- 12:00-1:30 p.m. Lunch Break (on your own)**
- 1:45-3:00 p.m. Student Presentations**
Up to 12 concurrent sections of student presentations grouped into rooms by academic discipline
- 4:00-6:30 p.m. Centennial Carnivale!**
We'll wrap up the convention in the same place it began—outside on the lawn! Join us for games, photos, music, and a centennial celebration we'll remember for years to come. Dinner will be served from "food trucks" midway through the event.

Travel & Housing Grants for 2022 Convention Participation



Here are some ways Alpha Chi will financially support your chapter's participation in our centennial convention this year! The desire of Alpha Chi leadership is to encourage each chapter to bring a variety of students to experience an Alpha Chi convention and have the chance to present their work among their peers. While chapters are welcome to bring students to more than one convention, we believe the experience should be shared with as many members as possible.

Please carefully review the information below as national and regional funds have now been merged and combined into one process. If you have any questions, please ask for Lara or Katie at 800-477-4225.

Travel Grants

For one voting advisor delegate, one voting student presenter, and up to three additional student presenters, chapters may request travel grants as follows:

- For chapters **driving** to the convention, the Travel Grant per delegate listed above will be \$100 (**\$500 max.**)
- For chapters **flying** to the convention, the Travel Grant per delegate listed above will be \$200 (**\$1,000 max.**)
- For chapters flying from Hawaii, an extra \$200 per voting advisor and voting student may be requested.

All travel-granted students must be presenters. To receive more than three travel grants total, at least one student presenter in your delegation must be attending their first Alpha Chi convention.

Housing Grants

Each chapter may request housing grants as follows:

- \$175 per night for an advisor room for up to 3 nights
(room can be shared with no more than 3 additional delegates at no charge)
- \$175 per night for a student delegate room for up to 3 nights
(room can be shared with no more than 3 additional delegates at no charge)

Under this housing grant structure, basically all but \$57 per night per room is covered for 1 advisor and 1 student or up to 8 total delegates, depending on your delegation size. **Housing Grant maximum per chapter is \$1,050.**

To be eligible for these grants, each granted delegate must:

- be an official chapter advisor or a current student member still enrolled at the institution requesting the grant and be registered for the convention by the deadline;
- lodge at the official convention hotel*;
- participate in any chapter-strengthening events; and
- attend the entire convention.

*The use of online reservation services such as Expedia will exclude you from Alpha Chi's contracted room block. Hotel reservations should be made directly with the hotel or, in case of the Shared Doubles, directly with Alpha Chi.

To receive these convention grants, a chapter must complete and return the official grant request form (on green paper) that will be in its check-in registration packet. Completed forms may be brought to AX Central no sooner than Saturday evening at 5 p.m. After the convention, request forms will be reviewed for accuracy and checks mailed within 30 days of the convention.

Region I chapters are eligible for reimbursements from their region and are therefore only eligible this year for the Travel Grants from the National Office. Dr. Karl Havlak, Region I Secretary-Treasurer, will email with additional details (karl.havlak@angelo.edu).

Student Presentations

Student presentations are the centerpiece of every Alpha Chi convention; in fact, this focus on students distinguishes us from other honor societies. Here are a few benefits of presenting:



- Gain valuable presentation experience with a small, receptive audience of 20-30 people.
- Field questions from interested peers and faculty.
- Add an excellent resume enhancement.

Alpha Chi's Professional Presenter Standards

- Wear business professional attire and behave professionally.
- Regardless of order, arrive before the start of the section and identify yourself to the Section Moderator.
- As a courtesy to your fellow presenters, we ask you to remain present for your entire section.
- Be sure your presentation fits comfortably within the time limit. (*most likely 10 minutes, followed by a mandatory 2-minute question/answer period*)
- Remember this is a presentation, not just a manuscript reading.
- Practice (preferably for an audience), so your presentation is smooth and audio-visuals well integrated. Most presentation rooms are small, and microphones aren't provided. Be prepared to speak clearly with good projection.
- Be prepared in case of technical problems; have a backup plan that will allow you to proceed if technology fails.

Student Presenters: Be Prepared

Convention presentation is not a required element of the Sledge/Benedict, Gaston/Nolle, or Pryor National Scholarship Competitions. However, *regional* scholarships and prizes may have similar sounding names but different rules. Consult your region for its requirements.

The total number of presenters per chapter isn't limited, but each student is limited to one presentation. If you are presenting on a Student Collaborative Research Project team, you may make one other regular presentation, but it must be in a different field or cover different material than your part in the collaborative project.

Deadline for Registering Presentations: February 15

You won't submit your entire presentation when you register—just a title and a brief description. The description is specifically for national office staff for verification of your proper field and program placement; those descriptions are NOT included in the program. Your title and academic field are all that other delegates will see when deciding which presentations to attend, so consider your title thoughtfully. Use proper grammar and punctuation and select the most applicable discipline and presentation type.

Audio-Visual Equipment Provided by Alpha Chi

Each presentation room will be supplied with an LCD projector & screen package, a laptop, and an easel board for affixing a poster. A keyboard, music stand, and audio equipment will also be available in the room assigned for performing arts presentations.

Alpha Chi will contact registered presenters by email 2-3 weeks before the convention with any last-minute details. Once the program has gone to press, an email notification will be sent to all delegates and the program posted on the conventions page at AlphaChiHonor.org.

Varieties of Presentations: Performance, Poster, PowerPoint

Performances: A good performance presentation should include a discussion of the academics and/or process behind the piece performed. Discussions of creative presentations should help non-specialists



understand the craft present in the work. These presenters may use PowerPoint, if so desired. Upon check-in at AX Central on Thursday, musicians, dancers, or other presenters who may need to practice/warm-up may arrange a practice time and place.

Posters: Students wishing to present a poster will do so as part of an oral presentation in a regular, timed slot on Friday or Saturday. During the intermission interval before a presentation, your poster may be affixed using binder clips

and removed from the easel board immediately after your presentation. Poster presenters may invite the audience to assemble around their poster, if that is their preference. Remember that a poster is a visual communications tool. Since you will be presenting it live, do not include a great amount of small text, as you will be able to present the material orally as well. Posters should be 4' x 3' (landscape).

Poster Tips: www.ncsu.edu/project/posters



PowerPoint Presentations should be compatible with the most recent version of Microsoft PowerPoint and brought on USB drive. ***You must bring your presentation to the convention yourself on a USB drive. The national office will not be collecting and loading presentations this year.*** Most of your audience will be at least 10 feet away from the screen, so plan your fonts accordingly. Due to the tightly-timed presentation schedule, we suggest you bring an extra copy of your media and a printed copy of your slides for your own use in case technical issues arise during your session.

Visual Art PowerPoints: Visual art presenters are asked to prepare a PowerPoint for presentation during a regular, timed presentation section this year. Do not bring your original artwork. Each artist may present up to five works during their presentation. One high-resolution image of each piece is allowed; 2 images allowed for each 3D work. Include a description of each piece with its title, medium, dimensions (H" x W" x D"), and year created.

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Convention Etiquette Guidelines for Delegates 2022

To enhance everyone's convention experience, Alpha Chi encourages all attendees to observe the following rules of meeting etiquette, especially during student presentations. Remember, most of the students you'll meet this week are on the program.

Remember that masking is required during all indoor events and even encouraged at outdoor events in which social distancing cannot be maintained.

All Attendees:

- Business professional attire is appreciated during all sessions with the exception of social-only events. For the closing gala, business casual clothing items in AX blue and/or green are encouraged.
- Be a patient and pleasant audience member. When given the chance to offer feedback or ask a question, all delegates, whether sponsor or student, should do so in a calm, respectful, positive, and constructive manner.
- Refrain from interrupting a student presentation already in progress. Enter and leave a presentation room only during the brief break between presentations. You may quietly leave at that time to get to a presentation in another room.
- Even though the doors should be closed during each presentation, while waiting outside a room for the next presentation or walking past a session in progress, please be as quiet as possible.

Section Moderators:

- Make sure you know how many sections you're moderating. For each section, arrive at your room early enough to meet those student presenters to confirm their presence.
- Moderators, presenters should be asked to identify themselves to begin their presentation.
- Use a timepiece such as a cell phone to keep the program on its timed schedule. Each presentation will end with a mandatory three (2) minutes of audience/judge questions.
- If there's a gap in the program because of a no-show, wait until the next scheduled presentation. We must keep to the schedule in the program.
- Present each student with his or her certificate of appreciation immediately after his or her presentation; do not hold them until the end of the entire section.
- If there are no-shows leaving unclaimed presenter certificates, missing certificates, or certificates that need to be reprinted due to error, return them in the envelope to AX Central, noting the nature of the error. Reprints will be mailed directly to the presenter after the convention.

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- As a courtesy to your fellow presenters in your section, we ask you to remain present for your entire section.
- You must stay within the posted time limit for your presentation, or the moderator will stop you. Your presentation will end with a final two (2) minutes of mandatory Q&A.
- Be prepared in case of technical problems with equipment; have a backup plan that will allow you to proceed if the technology fails.