

# Alpha Rho Chi Winter 2006 Letter

## Leadership Conference

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When I left Tallahassee for the Leadership Conference, I had no idea that I was about to embark on a life changing journey. I must admit that I was a little uncertain about the weekend's events and I wasn't sure what to expect. What I got far exceeded my expectations. There was an energy the entire weekend that cannot be summed up in words; you just had to be there.



The conference began on Friday, October 14 when everyone arrived in State College, Pennsylvania, settling in and heading over to the Vitruvius house for a bit of brotherly camaraderie before going to dinner. Things really began to pick up steam Saturday morning. We began the day with a risk management seminar from Rick Barnes. He stressed the importance of running our respective chapters not only safely but responsibly. Alpha Rho Chi is not just a fraternity, but a family. We wouldn't put our blood relatives in harm's way, so why would we do things to jeopardize such a wonderful brotherhood?

Rick's seminar was followed up by a rush and recruitment workshop and a segment on running effective meetings. These fo-

rum allowed brothers to discuss what each chapter does during rush and how they run meetings. Wonderful ideas were generated and exchanges amongst brothers. It is my belief that everyone took home an idea from another chapter that could enhance their rush weeks.



The workshops ended with a final presentation from John Spence on leadership and life skills. One word: *unbelievable*. This workshop was fast-paced and high energy from beginning to end. It allowed me to not only evaluate myself as a leader but as an individual as well. John touched on so many basic principles in life that I know that I don't utilize to the fullest. He made me re-evaluate my life, the people who play various roles in my life, and most importantly the roles that I play in my own life and how they hinder as well as help my growth as an individual.

Saturday was capped off with a barbecue hosted by the Vitruvian brothers at their house. This gave me an opportunity to further bond with brothers from different chapters before everyone began to go their separate ways.

The 2005 Alpha Rho Chi Leadership Conference was an experience that I will not forget. The people that I met and the connections that we made cannot be replaced. They have changed my life in ways that I could not imagine. I look forward to whatever stone lays unturned on my path in life with an undying optimism!



### Thank you

Alpha Rho Chi thanks those who made this year's Leadership Conference a success.

Rick Barnes' presentation was sponsored by the Daedalus Alumni Association.

We thank Life Members Jack Baker, Richard Hansen, David Hicks, Norman Meyer, Terrence Ross, Richard Snyder, and Warren Suter for their generous financial support.

We also thank our hosts, the Vitruvius Chapter, for their hospitality and assistance.

### Taking LC05 home

Resources and tools from the conference are available online:  
[alpharhochi.org/features/lc2005.shtml](http://alpharhochi.org/features/lc2005.shtml)



The Foundation was established as a philanthropic organization dedicated to funding the professional growth and vitality of Alpha Rho Chi and to expand its presence in architectural education and research. To that end, the Foundation awards scholarships to members of Alpha Rho Chi; sponsors professional programs and publications; underwrites the APX Bronze Medal Program and promotes new and innovative educational opportunities for students in architecture and the allied arts.

## PURPOSE

**JOHN R. ROSS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

This Program funds scholarships for tuition and/or fees supporting undergraduate or postgraduate study at accredited schools of architecture and the allied arts in the US.

- Awarded annually at the National Convention for academic achievement, fraternal leadership and supporting school and community activities
- Over 25 scholarships have been awarded

**CHARLES BURCHARD PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM**

This Program supports participation of professionals at accredited schools of architecture and allied arts in the US and at other venues which, in turn, expands the educational experience and the interaction among practitioners, educators and students.

- Substantially underwrites the cost of professional programs and other important educational experiences at the National Convention each year
- Provides matching funds to active chapters and colonies for a jointly sponsored professional program at their university

**VERLE ANNIS APX ENDOWMENT PROGRAM**

This Program funds the promotion of professional achievement awards and research in architecture and the allied arts:

- Underwrites the Alpha Rho Chi Medal program
- Support for research and dissemination of knowledge through publication of professional papers and articles

## PROGRAMS

The Alpha Rho Chi Foundation is organized as an independent Board of Directors consisting of unpaid volunteers with the WGA and WGE participating as nonvoting, ex-officio members. Professional advisors are available to assist with coordinating and ensuring donor's wishes are achieved. The Foundation is registered with the State of Illinois as a nonprofit, charitable organization.

- Endowment funds support national programs with distributions limited to a percentage of annual income from an investment portfolio
- Managed funds established by individual donors, Chapters and Alumni Associations for their direct benefit for designated scholarships and programs

## ORGANIZATION

All gifts to the Alpha Rho Chi Foundation are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law.

- Cash donations are always appreciated. They can be unrestricted or designated for managed funds. Contributions of stocks, bonds, insurance policies, capital assets and real estate can also provide the Foundation with needed resources.
- Deferred gifts such as bequests by a will, a charitable remainder unitrust or a charitable gift annuity can all support our goals. We will be pleased to provide additional information about these and other estate planning gift programs to you and your advisors.

Please help us by making your check payable to the Alpha Rho Chi Foundation – send it today to:

**Alpha Rho Chi Foundation**

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Additional information can be found on the Alpha Rho Chi web site at [alparhochi.org](http://alparhochi.org) or by contacting:

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# ALPHA RHO CHI

59TH NATIONAL CONVENTION MARCH 23-26 2006 DENVER, COLORADO

**Denver – The Mile High City** – is a beautiful city boasting a 120 mile panorama of the Rocky Mountains. Including 300 days of sunshine per year and the nation’s largest city park system the city has a lot to offer the outdoor enthusiasts. Denver has the tenth largest downtown in the U.S. and a historic district where Victorian Houses have been transformed into sports bars, clubs, and restaurants. As one of the fastest growing regions in the nation, Denver is home to some very exciting architectural works including Daniel Liebskind’s expansion to the Denver Art Museum.

## Hotel Information

### The Adam’s Mark Hotel

The Adam’s Mark is located in the heart of downtown Denver. It is the premier hotel in the downtown area and steps away from the 16th Street Mall – a 1.2 Mile pedestrian mall with shopping, entertainment, and restaurants. There is a free shuttle that runs along the mall every 10 minutes. Our hotel is located at the south end of the mall, and Coors Field (the location of our banquet) is at the North end.

All of the business meetings, workshops, and speakers will be located in the Adam’s Mark as well.

The Alpha Rho Chi convention rate is \$107.00/night for a standard room (not including the 13.5% hotel tax). This is a flat rate, regardless of single/double/quad occupancy. If you would like to reserve a deluxe suite, please contact Lori Beth Wilson for those negotiated rates.

Please call 800-444-ADAM for reservations, and don’t forget to tell them it’s for the APX convention. All reservations must be made by no later than February 17, 2006.

If you are having any difficulty with making reservations, please contact Lori Beth Wilson for assistance.



Denver Civic Center Park

Photo courtesy Denver Metro Convention & Visitors Bureau

# convention

Denver International Airport  
C. W. Fentress and J. H. Bradburn, Architects

Photo by Chris Carter, Denver Metro Convention & Visitors Bureau.

# convention events

## Social Events

### Thursday Night Welcome Reception

The welcome reception Thursday night will serve as the unofficial beginning of the convention. Anyone who arrived earlier Thursday will meet in the Adam's Mark lobby to begin a night on the town. Location to be decided later. This will be a good time for everyone to reconnect with or meet brothers from all over the country.

### Annual Awards Banquet

This year's annual awards banquet will be held at Coors Field, home of the Colorado Rockies, in the Mountain Ranch Club. This venue offers a dramatic view of both the baseball field and the Colorado Rocky Mountains. During the banquet, participants will enjoy a delicious dinner and celebrate the scholastic achievements of other individuals and chapters. This will include this year's recipients of the John Ross Scholarship. The evening continues with dancing and sharing moments with brothers from across the country.

## Business Sessions

This is your chance to help run the fraternity. At business session, the assembled convention is the governing body of APX. Even if you are not a delegate, you will have the opportunity to voice your opinions and ideas for the future of the fraternity. These sessions usually include:

- Introduction to Convention – business sessions run a bit differently than chapter meetings, so this is an introduction or refresher about the process.
- Business Session I – election of convention officers, reports from chapters, alumni associations, Grand Council, the APX foundation, and committees. Find out what everyone else has been busy with over the past year.
- Business Session II – new business, including motions proposed before and during the convention; Grand Council elections; suggestions for the betterment of the fraternity; future committee volunteers; suggestions for future convention sites.

### Elections

This year the positions of Worthy Grand Architect and Worthy Grand Scribe are up for election. Know of someone who would be a great fit for WGA or WGS? Contact the nominations committee chair to make the nomination or find out more information: Christine Brazill, cbrazillapx@yahoo.com.

## Professional Events

### Keynote Speaker – Nancy Collins Design Etiquette: Social Stationery For Business and Personal Use

The most powerful tool in business communications is a hand written letter or note. The success rate for this lecturer for gaining personal response in a cold call when preceded by an actual letter is forty to fifty percent. Further, the success rate for receiving an appointment with the recipient of an actual business letter is twenty percent. Following-up with a thank you letter or hand written note sent through the mail is a key strategic weapon in the arsenal of modern business.

Nancy Collins received her BFA in Graphic Design from Kansas City Art Institute, followed by an MFA in Graphic Design from the Hartford Design School. Until 2004, she was the owner and operator of th Nancy Feldman Studio, whose clients included Clinique, Vera Wang, Waterford Wedgwood, and the Museum of Modern Art. From 2004 to 2005, She was a visiting professor of Graphic Design at Nicholls State University. Today she serves as Programming Director for AIGA New Orleans, is a Lecturer of Digital Typography at Southeastern Louisiana University and owner and operator of Nancy Sharon Collins Stationer, specializing in hand engraved social stationery.

This workshop will discuss and prepare participants to create their own appropriate battery of professional and personal stationery. This will also be a guide to the correct etiquette and form for written correspondences.

For information and updates, visit us online at

[alpharhochi.org/  
convention](http://alpharhochi.org/convention)

### Alumni Showcase

The Alumni Showcase provides an expo-type setting for attendees of the Convention to browse promotional materials, display boards and past projects provided by practicing professionals of architecture and the allied arts. Students will be able to see real-life applications of their education; fellow professionals can learn about work in their field being completed by firms across the country; and your company will gain exposure amongst your brothers, some of whom may prove to be future sub-contractors, clients or employees.

We strongly encourage our alumni to use this event for recruitment. All attendees are welcome to bring their résumés and portfolio with these prospective employers.

### Architecture Design Workshop The Next Episode: Professional Presence led by Karen Williams

Compiled to represent talent and achievement the portfolio is only the beginning. A well-rounded package (personality, creativity and passion) is the key tool towards success for any professional. Every professional has the necessary ingredients to become a success. Learning how to express your talents and hone the appropriate character traits is a worthy endeavor. Come share your experiences and advice about first interviews, giving interviews and the dos and don'ts towards scoring a great career opportunity. Bring your portfolios, cover letters and résumés to share with the group.

### Denver Design Firm Firm Tours

Interested in visiting a new design firm? We will have the opportunity to visit some of the exquisite firms Denver has to offer, as well as some of their greatest projects.

We will see how the work is done at downtown Denver's architecture firm Slater Paull Architects and learn how the marketing staff and accounting staff are as vital to an architecture firm as the architects themselves. In addition, we will witness the culture within the firm and view some of the drawings that they are currently working on.

Other firm tours and project visits are planned. Check [alpharhochi.org/convention](http://alpharhochi.org/convention) for information.

## Next Stop: 60th National Convention Memphis, Tennessee March 2007



Courtesy Memphis Convention & Visitors Bureau

Plans are underway for 2007's convention in Memphis, Tennessee. Since we last visited in 1997, the city has seen many changes, including the establishment of the Imhotep Chapter at the University of Memphis.

## Logo Competition

Enter the 3rd Annual Alpha Rho Chi National Convention Logo Competition and have the chance to win complimentary registration to the 2007 convention in Memphis.

Will your logo design be the one used on all correspondence and promotional materials for the 60th National Convention? Apply your creative skills for the entire fraternity to see. The winning design will be unveiled at the Denver convention.

### Who May Enter:

Any active or alumni member, colonist, or pledge of Alpha Rho Chi may enter a logo design. One entry per person, please.

### How to Enter:

All entries must be e-mailed to [wga@alpharhochi.org](mailto:wga@alpharhochi.org) by 3:00 am EST, February 17, 2005. For design specifics and entry requirements, visit [www.alpharhochi.org/convention](http://www.alpharhochi.org/convention).

The winners will be selected at the sole discretion of the convention committee, and they may request that changes be made to the selected design.

### The Grand Prize:

Your convention registration fee for the 2007 National Convention is waived! That's a value of approximately \$150.00! Attendee is responsible for his or her own lodging and travel to the convention.



# Convention Packages

## Full Convention Package

Cost: \$172.00

Before February 17: \$150.00

Purchase includes all the following:

Meals:

- Friday continental breakfast
- Friday lunch
- Saturday continental breakfast
- Saturday lunch
- Saturday dinner (awards banquet)

Events:

- Thursday night welcome reception
- Friday keynote speaker
- Friday design workshop
- Friday business sessions
- Saturday morning alumni showcase
- Saturday business sessions
- Saturday art museum tour
- Local architectural firm tours and site visits
- Saturday night awards banquet at Coors Field

Official 59th Convention T-shirt

Group photo

Convention welcome package, complete with local maps, guides and information

Guest tickets may be purchased separately, limit one guest per full package attendee.

## Banquet Only Package

Cost: \$83.00

Before February 17: \$72.00

Purchase includes:

- Saturday annual awards banquet at Coors Field
- Guest tickets may be purchased separately, limit one guest per full price banquet attendee.

## Spouse/Guest Banquet Ticket

Cost: \$41.00

Before February 17: \$36.00

Purchase includes:

- Saturday annual awards banquet at Coors Field

## Children's Package (Children under age 3 are free)

Cost: \$41.00

Before February 17: \$36.00

Purchase includes:

- Saturday annual awards banquet at Coors Field
- Children's activity packet
- Attendance to all events accompanied by guardian, with the exception of the Thursday night welcome reception (due to age restrictions at venue site) and any brothers-only events.

## Registration

- Check, money order, and major credit cards (Visa/MasterCard) are accepted for payment.
- Checks should be made payable to Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity.
- The completed registration form must be returned along with FULL payment. Registration cannot be considered complete, and space will not be reserved, if full payment is not received along with the registration form.
- If postmarked after March 10th please follow the onsite registration instructions listed below.
- You must register a guest/spouse separately for the conference. (Please duplicate the registration form).
- Registrations are processed in the order received.
- Please review your conference registration receipt for accuracy.

### Onsite Registration

- Advanced registration will not be accepted if postmarked after March 10th. After this date, you must register on site. Onsite registration is subject to a **\$10.00 service charge**.
- Due to seating restrictions, it may not be possible to purchase tickets onsite to all events.
- The registration desk will be open at Adam's Mark hotel lobby on Thursday, March 23rd from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

### Cancellation and Refunds

- Requests to cancel or to substitute must be in writing or via email to the WGAA.
- Refunds will be issued within 60 days of receiving written or email notification.
- All refunds will be assessed a \$25.00 processing fee.
- 100% refund (less processing) if postmarked before March 16th
- 50% refund if postmarked after March 16th

**Please remember that lodging arrangements must be made separately.** Hotel information is provided on page 3,

Check and money order only payable to Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity.

Register online, or mail completed registration form to:

Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity  
c/o WGAA Laura E. Schmidt  
12320 Texas Ave. #6  
Los Angeles, CA 90025

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## 1 Registration Information

Go to [alparhochi.org/convention](http://alparhochi.org/convention) to register online.  
This registration form is also available for download.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name, First Name, M.I. Chapter Name / Alumni Association / Non-Member

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address, City, State, Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone Alternate Phone E-mail

## 2 Registration Fees

Purchase a full registration package or purchase tickets to the annual awards banquet.  
Refer to page 6 for a description of what is included with each event or item.

Event/Item	Early Bird before Feb 17	Feb. 18 to March 10	T-Shirt Size	Amount Included
FULL PACKAGE REGISTRATION	\$150.00	\$172.00	S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> XL <input type="checkbox"/>	
Child convention registration	\$36.00	\$41.00	Age? _____ Gender? _____	
Individual banquet tickets	\$72.00	\$83.00	Purchase separately	
Banquet ticket for spouse (limit 1)	\$36.00	\$41.00	Purchase separately	
Extra T-shirts	\$15.00 each	Quantity: _____	S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> XL <input type="checkbox"/>	
				<u>Grand Total</u>

Lodging arrangements must be made separately. See hotel information on page 3.

Full payment must be included with completed registration form  
Make checks or money orders payable to **Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity**

### Pay by credit card option (Visa/MasterCard only)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (as it appears on card) Card type

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Credit card number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Expiration date Amount to be charged Signature

Mail completed form to: Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity  
c/o WGAA Laura E. Schmidt  
12320 Texas Ave. #6  
Los Angeles, CA 90025

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