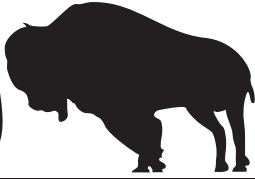


ALPHA RHO CHI

58th



NATIONAL CONVENTION 03.17-20.05

*58th National Convention
of Alpha Rho Chi
Official Packet*



Spend a weekend this March surrounded by the beautiful, historic architecture of Buffalo, New York. Meet Brothers from across the country, share knowledge with others in your profession, and shape the future of your fraternity.

Experience Buffalo!

Buffalo is home to 5 houses by Frank Lloyd Wright, 2 by H. H. Richardson, one of the finest examples of sky scraper design – the Guaranty Building by Louis Sullivan, and the first public park system in the United States – designed by Frederick Law Olmstead before his conception of NYC’s Central Park.



Buffalo Links

www.walkbuffalo.org

www.buffalocam.com

Buffalo Niagara Convention and Visitor Bureau

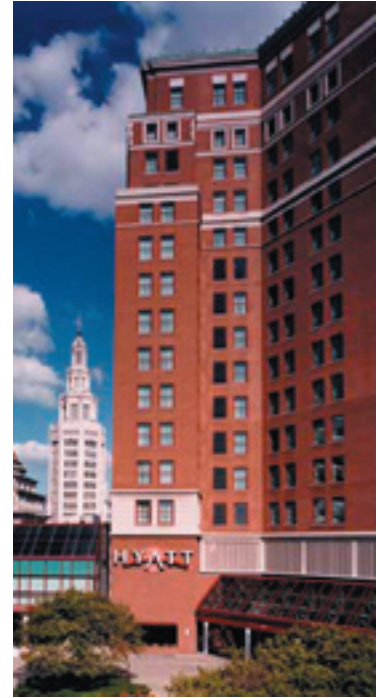
University at Buffalo School of Architecture and Planning

The Hyatt Regency Buffalo

The 58th National Convention will be held at the Hyatt Regency Buffalo, the premier downtown hotel located in the city's theater and financial districts. Connected to the Buffalo Convention Center, this historic Buffalo landmark is within walking distance of shopping, restaurants, clubs, theaters and many other entertainment attractions. In addition, it is conveniently located on the Buffalo Metro Rail System.

Within minutes from the hotel you can find the best Buffalo has to offer.

- 20 minutes, Niagara Falls
- 20 minutes, Casino Niagara
- 2 blocks, Theatre District including Shea's Center for the Performing Arts
- 2 blocks, Chippewa Entertainment District
- 2 blocks, restaurants & night clubs
- 5 blocks, HSBC Arena
- 5 Blocks, Dunn Tire Park
- 5 blocks, Naval Park
- 5 blocks, sport fishing on Lake Erie/Niagara River
- 1 mile, Antique shops and galleries
- 1 mile, Historic Allentown
- 5 miles, Albright Knox Art Gallery
- 5 miles, Burchfield Penny Art Center
- 5 miles, Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society
- 3 miles, Klienhan's Music Hall
- 1 mile, Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Site
- 25 miles, downhill and cross country skiing



Hotel facilities include two onsite restaurants – E.B. Green's Steakhouse and Harriet's American Grill – and an in-house fitness center. Hotel guests also receive complimentary use of the full-service Olympia Health Club located across the street. The Health Club offers a heated indoor swimming pool, sauna, steam room, whirlpool, aerobics, free-weights, exercise cycles, steppers, stair climbers, rowers, Nautilus and Cybex equipment, and a personal trainer.

Reservations

- Attendees are responsible for making their own hotel accommodations.
- The hotel cost is **not included** in the convention fee.
- A block of rooms has been reserved at The Hyatt Regency Buffalo.
- For reservations call 1-716-856-1234 or go to <http://buffalo.hyatt.com/groupbooking/rhoc>.
- To receive the discounted rate, mention the Alpha Rho Chi Convention when making your reservations by phone.
- Reservations must be made no later than **February 24, 2005** in order to receive the discounted rate. After this date, guestrooms are subject to availability and the Hotel's prevailing room rates.

Room Rate

- The discounted rate is **\$87.00** per night plus taxes and fees.
- This rate is for one to four people in a room.
 - Single = **\$98.53**/person per night, including taxes and fees
 - Double = **\$49.27**/person per night, including taxes and fees
 - Triple = **\$32.84**/person per night, including taxes and fees
 - Quad = **\$21.75**/person per night, including taxes and fees

General Information

- Hyatt Regency Buffalo
Two Fountain Plaza
Buffalo, NY 14202
1-716-856-1234 (Telephone)
1-716-852-6157 (Fax)
- Recommended arrival is Thursday morning, March 17th.
- The hotel check in time is 3:00pm. Checkout time is 12:00pm.
- Luggage storage is available before and after check in and checkout times.

Parking and Transportation

- There is a garage across the street for self-parking. The rate is \$8.00 per day, and you can charge that to your room bill and receive vouchers for the garage at check in.
- There is an ITA Shuttle which goes to all of the downtown hotels. It leaves the airport every hour on the hour and the charge is \$15.00 per person one way.
- A taxi is about \$25.00, so if two or more people are coming at once, a taxi is more economical.

Room Sharing

Since APX will not be making hotel arrangements for convention attendees, we will not be assigning rooms. If you wish to share a room and split the costs, it is recommended that you contact your fellow chapter Brothers, your regional chapter Brothers, or post an inquiry on the APX Post for room sharing options. If you need contact information for Chapters, Associations, or individual Brothers, please contact the WGS at wgs@alpharhochi.org.

Convention Events

Business Casual attire is Recommended for all events, unless noted otherwise.

AIA/CES Learning Units

All lectures, tours and workshops will be eligible for AIA/CES learning units. APX is now an official Registered AIA/CES Program Provider.

APX Business Meeting

During the annual convention, the delegates are in control of the Fraternity. Do not miss this opportunity to have a direct voice in the decisions that will shape the future of Alpha Rho Chi. Attendance is **strongly suggested** for all fraternity members.

- Convention Delegate Primer: This 1-hour session is designed to orient or refresh convention delegates on convention proceedings.
- Business Session 1: Selection of Convention Officers; presentation of status reports by national officers and the APX Foundation; committee reports
- Business Session 2: Discussion and ratification of motions; election of Grand Council officers; suggestions for the betterment of the fraternity; suggestions of future convention sites.

Grand Council Annual Meeting

As always, this meeting will be open to everyone. Feel free to attend and watch your elected officers at work.

Annual Awards Banquet

The awards banquet this year will be held in the Pan American Room of the Delaware Park Casino. Delaware Park is the centerpiece of the Buffalo park system, originally known simply as “The Park.” 350 acres in size, it is one of the relatively few true parks Frederick Law Olmsted created.

Located off Lincoln Parkway, the Delaware Park Casino is a Mediterranean style 3-story building designed by Buffalo architect E.B. Green. The original structure, designed by Calvert Vaux, was built in 1874. After fire destroyed this structure in 1899, the Casino as it stands today was rebuilt in time for the 1901 Pan American Exposition, and officially became known as the Delaware Park Casino.



Semi-formal attire required.

Brotherhood Social and Chapter Presentations

Meet your Brothers from across the country at this informal gathering Thursday evening. This will be the time for Chapters and Alumni Associations to present themselves to the fraternity, and are encouraged to bring a board, a collage, an electronic presentation, or even perform a skit that represents the activities of the past year. Snacks and beverages will be provided.

Casual attire recommended.

APX Marketplace Lunch

Chapters and Alumni Associations will have the opportunity to sell APX merchandise the Friday of convention. Please coordinate with WGAA Laura Schmidt at wgaa@alpharhochi.org to ensure that there will not be an overabundance of the same type of item. Lunch is included in the Full Convention Package.

Alumni Ceremony Presentation

Join with other Brothers in an esoteric discussion of the Alumni Ceremony published earlier this year in *The Rise*. It is strongly encouraged that all Brothers, especially delegates, attend this session. Because this discussion is esoteric, only initiated Brothers may participate.

Professional Speaking and Presentation Seminar

As students and professionals in the design field, throughout our careers, we will be expected to express ourselves. However, what separates the great speakers from the not-so-great is not the words, but the way in which the speaker delivers those words. Join Dr. Andrew Sachs for this seminar, and learn some applicable and simple strategies guaranteed to improve your public speaking.

Dr. Sachs has a Ph.D. in Communication from the University of Wisconsin and twenty years of experience teaching public speaking to diverse undergraduate student populations in universities throughout the nation, and has written speeches for three sitting United States presidents.

This presentation, lasting up to one hour, will include discussion and audience interaction. We will illustrate the problem of delivery, discuss its causes, and offer some practical solutions tailored specifically to the audience that architects and designers face.

Lecture by T.J. Sullivan “Confronting the Idiot in Your Chapter



Every chapter has at least one... the member who causes problems for the whole group with his or her destructive behavior. Now, you can learn some skills and strategies to confront the idiots in your life.

T.J. Sullivan has been speaking to fraternity and sorority audiences for more than a decade. He has been recognized with national awards from the North-American Interfraternity Conference (NIC) and the Association of Fraternity Advisors (AFA) for his work with students on issues ranging from HIV prevention to alcohol abuse. He uses a unique blend of humor, straight-talk, and practical strategies to reach students on issues that matter in their daily lives.

Now, he's talking about confrontation, caring, and communication. Sullivan believes that one inherent flaw in fraternity and sorority chapters is the tendency to allow more destructive behavior by our brothers and sisters than we would allow from others in our lives. We often allow our friends to risk their own health, safety, relationships, or grades with “idiot behavior.” We are afraid to confront because we are afraid of losing a friend, losing respect, or being judged.

A willingness to confront the “idiots” in our lives will help us elevate our standards as a Greek community, and it might give us the opportunity to learn the real meaning of brotherhood and sisterhood. Regardless of the issues facing your Greek community, this program will challenge you to take responsibility for making positive change - on a very personal level.

<http://www.campuspeak.com/speakers/sullivan/>
January 26, 2005

Alumni Career Showcase Breakfast

Although some students in APX are already enrolled in their program of choice and know exactly what they want to do when they graduate, many don't have such a clear plan.

In order to leverage the breadth of experience among APX alumni, an Alumni Career Showcase Breakfast has been planned. This event will also expose students to views and opportunities that may be common in other fields possibly not represented at their college. Breakfast is included in the Full Convention Package.

Alumni - Please prepare a one-page 8-1/2 x 11 handout (black and white or color, 1- or 2- sided) covering the topics listed below. Feel free to vary from this guide; it is just a starting point to simplify preparation. Make 50 copies, and bring 50 company brochures and business cards. If you don't actually get around to preparing the handout, at least bring the brochures and business cards. No prepared verbal presentations will be required – just be prepared to chat with students about your career.

This is not for architects only. The intent is to include alumni from as many fields as possible.

LAYOUT GUIDE

What do you do, and what does your firm do?

Include some or all of the following:

- your name, your title, organization name, division name if applicable
- office address, website, your telephone number
- area(s) your organization specializes in
- representative clients
- number of employees in organization, organization office locations
- area(s) you specialize in and your responsibilities
- list any APX alumni you may have worked with
- your head-and-shoulders photo if available
- organization logo if available

Highlight a recent representative or interesting project.

Include some or all of the following:

- name of project, location, organization fee if applicable
- construction cost if applicable, completion date
- other organizations involved in the project
- your role on the project, challenges faced or unique aspects
- project photo if available

Share the story of your past and future career path.

Include some or all of the following:

- bulleted list of past/present positions in past/present organizations
- how one position prepared you for the next
- list specific strengths or failings of your college program
- how APX played a role in your career path
- what you anticipate or want for future positions

Portfolio Workshop

As a professional organization, we are focused on presenting a well-rounded package. Our membership is composed of undergrads in many different fields, striving toward excellence as professionals. Each day we learn the skills and knowledge that it takes to succeed. As professionals, we aim to maintain a standard of excellence while growing. In the past ten years, professional representation has evolved with the developing technological advancements. The computer and its programs have made it easier for professionals to communicate their ideas. The possibilities and techniques are endless, and with a few pointers, anyone one can utilize the available resources.

This workshop is devoted to developing a successful, and confident, presentation for an individual in either academia and/or the business world. Beginning with the portfolio, and touching on the resume and professional attire, this workshop is structured to be interactive and educational. Attendees are strongly encouraged to bring their portfolio or resume so that we can learn from each others unique approaches. As the first in a series of workshops, interaction will be a key factor in determining the needs of those in attendance. Questions will be entertained throughout the workshop so be prepared for answers.

Attendees should expect to learn about the latest programs and presentation techniques, as well as the basics for arranging and formatting their first portfolios and resumes. As a result, of the information presented, those in attendee should feel comfortable with building upon their well- rounded presentation package. Come share and advise while getting the latest news on technological achievements and possibilities.

PRESENTATION OUTLINE

Portfolio

- What is a portfolio?
- Whats is a portfolio used for?
- What professions require the use of a portfolio?
- What kind of programs are useful for creating a portfolio?
- Format, size, design. Etc...

Resume

- What is a resume?
- Length
- Font
- Paper size
- Parts:
 - Name, address and email address: Somewhere along the top.
 - Objective
 - Education: GPA
 - Skills or special coursework: languages, computer programs,
 - Employment Experience
 - Activities and honors
 - References

Professional Attire

- Distinguished: Suits
- Business Casual: kakis, shirt, polos

Tours

The full convention package includes the selection of a guided tour. We have four guided tours to choose from. Some tours may be offered twice, depending on the demand. Please be sure to indicate your preferred selection on the registration form at the end of this packet. If your preferred tour is closed, you will be notified so that a second choice can be made. For an additional fee of \$20.00 per person, attendees may elect to sign up for a second tour provided that space is still available. Please inquire at the registration table upon your arrival at Convention.

Guaranty Building

Designed by Louis Sullivan and completed in 1896, the Guaranty Building still stands as a hallmark of the early skyscrapers. The “Tattooed Lady” is a 13 story steel frame structure clad in highly articulated terracotta tiles.

Our guided tour will take us from the first floor Grand Ballroom up a set of stairs to get a closer view of the intricate mosaics, and then onto the upper floors of the newly restored monument.

This tour is limited to 15 people.

Cathedral Complex

Across the street from the Guaranty Building are two turn-of-the-century Gothic cathedrals.

St. Paul’s Episcopal Cathedral, built in 1851, is a beautiful example of 13th century Early English Gothic architecture. It was designed by Richard Upjohn, the first President of the American Institute of Architects and designer of New York City’s Trinity Episcopal Church.

St. Louis Catholic Church is a 14th century French Gothic style church, built in 1889. The pierced spire is possibly the only remaining openwork spire still standing in the US.

Our tour guide has been giving tours of these monuments for over 15 years and has an Art History background with an emphasis on Architectural History.

This tour is limited to 30 people.

Darwin Martin House and Complex

This is one of Frank Lloyd Wright’s finest Prairie designs. The Darwin Martin Complex consists of 7 structures carefully designed to be in harmony with respect to each other and the landscape. The tour will include transportation to and from the site, and a guided tour of the complex. Please visit www.darwinmartinhouse.org for more detail on the complex and its restoration efforts.

This tour is limited to 20 people.

Shea’s Theater

Built in 1925, Shea’s Theater is a stunning example of the opulent movie palaces of the 1920s. The exterior is a steel and concrete structure with terracotta trim. The lavish French Renaissance style interior includes walls, pillars, and staircases made of marble, gilded mirrors, and large chandeliers. This theater still contains many of the original décor and is monument to a more lavish period in American History.

This tour is limited to 30 people.

In addition to one of the planned guided tours, attendees are welcome to take advantage of self-guided tours of the city.

Walking Tour of Buffalo

The Hyatt Regency Hotel is a featured landmark on the Walk Buffalo self-guided architecture tour. A brochure featuring detailed maps and building descriptions will be provided by the Buffalo Convention and Visitor's Bureau. Featuring 28 architectural sites, the tour includes Daniel Burhham's Ellicot Square Building, The Victorian Gothic Old County Hall, and Dunn Tire Park - home of the Triple A baseball team the Buffalo Bison.

Walking Tour of Delaware Park

Delaware Park is home to the Delaware Park Casino where our Banquet will be held. Not only does the park feature wooded areas, meadows, and Hoyt Lake, it is also the location of the world reknown Albright-Knox Art Gallery and the Neoclassical Historic Society Building. Transportation will be provided for those who are interested in touring Delaware Park prior to the Annual Award's Banquet.

Registration Information

Full Package Purchase Includes:

- Attendance to business meetings and Grand Council Meeting
- Lecture by TJ Sullivan “Confronting the Idiot in Your Chapter”
- Banquet in the heart of Buffalo’s Public Park System
- Orientation material and name-tag
- Breakfast and Lunch Friday and Saturday
- Group Photograph
- Brotherhood Social
- Portfolio Workshop
- APX Marketplace
- Alumni Career Showcase
- Tours of Buffalo’s Architecture
- Professional Presentation Workshop
- And more!

Convention Costs

Early Bird Registration applies to registration postmarked before February 15th.

Full Package price is \$155.00. (Early Bird is \$135.00.)

Individual tickets may be purchased separately for the Saturday, March 29th Awards Banquet. An individual Awards Banquet ticket is \$73. (Early Bird is \$64.00)

A single Awards Banquet guest ticket may be purchased for \$37. (Early Bird is \$32.)

Please remember that lodging arrangements must be made separately. Hotel information is provided in this packet.

Registration

Check, Money Order, and Major Credit Cards accepted for payment.

Checks should be made payable to **Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity**.

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 Registration Form.

If postmarked after March 10th please follow the On-site Registration instructions.

You must register a guest separately for the conference. Please utilize a duplicate registration form.

Registrations are processed in the order received.

Please review your conference registration receipt for accuracy.

On-site Registration

Advanced registration will not be accepted if postmarked after March 10th.

After this date, you must register on-site.

Due to seating restrictions, it may not be possible to purchase tickets on-site to all events.

The Registration desk will be open Thursday, March 17th 11:00am – 5:00pm in the Buffalo Hyatt Regency lobby.

Cancellation and Refund Policy

Requests to cancel or to substitute must be in writing or via email to the WGAA.

No refunds will be issued for requests postmarked after March 10th.

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 10th.

50% refund if postmarked after March 10th.

All registration issues will be coordinated through the WGAA office. Contact WGAA Laura Schmidt with any questions at (310) 903-2630 or wgaal@alphanhochi.org.

Mail completed Registration Form to:

Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity

c/o Laura E. Schmidt, WGAA

12320 Texas Ave. #6

Los Angeles, CA 90025

**Tour Preference***Please select one.*

- Guaranty Building
- Cathedral Complex
- Darwin Martin House and Complex
- Shea's Theater

1 REGISTRATION INFORMATION

 (Last Name, First Name, M.I.)

 (Chapter Name / Alumni Assoc / Non-Member)

 (Street Address, City, State, Zip)

 (Home Phone)

 (Alternate Phone)

 (E-mail)
2 REGISTRATION FEES

	Postmarked on or before 2/15/05	Postmarked 2/16/05 to 3/10/05	Amount Included
FULL PACKAGE REGISTRATION	\$135.00	\$155.00	
Individual Banquet Ticket	\$64.00	\$73.00	
Banquet Ticket for Guest (limit 1)	\$32.00	\$37.00	
GRAND TOTAL			

The Annual Awards Banquet is included in the Full Registration Package. Tickets to the Banquet may also be purchased separately. Full payment must be included with completed Registration Form. Make check or money order payable to Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity. To avoid double payment, do not mail Registration after March 10th. Registration will be available at Convention for the higher price. Hotel arrangements must be made separately. See previous page for information.

Optional credit card registration (Visa or MasterCard only)

Please check if paying by credit card.

 Name as it appears on card

 Credit Card Number

 Expiration Date

 Amount to be charged

 Signature

Mail completed Registration Form to:

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 12320 Texas Ave. #6
 Los Angeles, CA 90025