



## **PURPOSE AND HISTORY**

The UMKC School of Pharmacy charter for Phi Lambda Sigma was granted in March of 1994 who with the regularly initiated line of successors constitutes the Beta Eta Chapter.

The purpose of Phi Lambda Sigma, also known as the National Pharmacy Leadership Society, is to promote the development of leadership qualities, especially among pharmacy students. By peer recognition, the Society encourages participation in all pharmacy activities. Since membership crosses fraternal and organizational lines, the Society does not compete with other pharmacy organizations.

Phi Lambda Sigma was organized in March of 1965 by then student Charlie Thomas on the campus of Auburn University, with the approval of the faculty of the School of Pharmacy. Following a two-year probationary period, the Auburn University Student Senate granted a charter to the Society on October 3, 1967. The Phi Lambda Sigma National Fraternity was legally incorporated in Lee County, Alabama on June 28, 1968. That same year, the name "Phi Lambda Sigma" was registered with the U.S. Bureau of Patents and Copyrights in Washington, D.C., and an official key was designed by the Balfour Company. The National Office was moved from Auburn University to Atlanta, Georgia in 1992. In 1996, Phi Lambda Sigma contracted with the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy for administration of the Society, and the National Office was relocated from Atlanta to the campus of the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy in Memphis, Tennessee. In 1999 the Society relocated to the **University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Pharmacy**, and finally to its current home in Uniontown, PA in 2016.

## **FOUNDER**

Founded in 1965, through the creative imagination of Alabama Pharmacist Charlie Thomas, then a student at Auburn University School of Pharmacy, Phi Lambda Sigma celebrates many years of leadership recognition. Believing that leaders needed recognition for their contributions to our profession, the Alpha chapter of Auburn University was chartered in 1965 and thus began the tradition that is Phi Lambda Sigma today. The membership of the society is rich in leadership diversity and values the enduring support of the many friends, deans, advisors, faculty, alumni and student members. We are thankful to our founder for having the vision and dedication to leadership that allows us to recognize those individuals who have accepted the responsibility for leadership to this grand old profession...Pharmacy.

## **MISSION**

Recognize leaders in the profession, cultivate leadership development, and inspire transformational change.

- Goal 1: Establish Phi Lambda Sigma as the Premier Leadership Society
- Goal 2: Promote operational effectiveness among collegiate chapters
- Goal 3: Enhance the talent, skill, and effectiveness of leaders for the profession of pharmacy

## **RELATIONSHIP TO PARENT ORGANIZATION AND MEMBERSHIP**

With the fundamental assumption that leaders are made, not born, the Society believes that schools of pharmacy serve as spawning grounds for future pharmacy leaders. Phi Lambda Sigma members are selected by peer recognition. No greater honor can be bestowed upon a person than to be recognized as a leader by peers. Such recognition serves to instill self-confidence and to promote greater efforts toward the advancement of pharmacy as well as encouraging the less active student to a more active role.

Phi Lambda Sigma consists of students, faculty, alumni, and honorary members who are of high moral and ethical character, and, with the exception of the honorary members, have completed at least 90 semester hours of scholastic work applicable toward a pharmacy degree, and have at least a 2.50 GPA. Nomination for membership comes from the existing members of the Society. Prospective members must complete an application for membership and submit a letter of recommendation. New members are then inducted based on the demonstration of dedication, service, and leadership in the advancement of the profession of pharmacy.

## **PHI LAMBDA SIGMA OFFICERS 2023-2024**

- President – Molly Ellefsen
- Vice President – Jessica Tran
- Secretary – Julia Jandro
- Treasurer – Jessica Thomas

## **PHI LAMBDA SIGMA FACULTY ADVISORS 2023-2024**

- Dr. Eric Wombwell

## **CAMPUS LIAISONS 2023-2024**

- Caleb Diehl (Columbia)
- Maddie Hosick (Kansas City)
- Kameron Franklin (Springfield)

## **MEETINGS**

Held monthly on the second Thursday at 5:30 pm. Meeting times are subject to change based on the availability of guest speakers and the meeting format. Zoom and in person meetings will be held throughout the 2023-2024 school year.

## **APPLICATIONS**

The application period for the 2023-2024 year will occur in the fall semester. Exact dates will be sent out via email and announcements. Applicants must be in good academic standing and have a current PLS member write a letter of support for initiation into PLS. A confidential selection process will be held at the end of the fall semester where current members will vote on applicants.