



CHI EPSILON SIGMA

GAMMA CHAPTER ❄️ WINTER 2025

A Message from Our President

I hope each of you enjoyed your well-deserved holiday break and have entered 2025 feeling refreshed and motivated for what this year will bring. As programs begin to pick back up, don't forget that all things ChiES are too! You will have access to a variety of important details in this newsletter, but I want to emphasize some pieces here.

Be sure to submit your membership form and pay your dues on or before **January 31st, 2025.**

Save the Date for our 25th Annual Conference – A Silver Jubilee: Success, Growth, & Resilience: **April 23-25, 2025!**

As an organization, we are extremely lucky to have the ability to offer awards and scholarships to our members each year. If you are interested in applying for a scholarship and/or nominating yourself or one of your peers for an award, please do so. One of the best ways to end our conference is by supporting and celebrating the contributions you make!

This note has been brief, but it is shared with the hope that I will get to speak with many of you in-person very soon. Until then, I wish you the best and hope you stay warm!



Marie Grimes

Chi Epsilon Sigma President

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2025 MEMBERSHIP

2025 Membership Dues need to be paid by **Friday, January 31**. Visit <https://chies.ca.uky.edu/membership> for more information, including the link to the Qualtrics membership form. Once completed, an invoice will be e-mailed to you to use with your check request. Professional improvement funds may be used, with AED/Supervisor approval. Don't forget to include your name(s) on the check.



Chi Epsilon Sigma 25th Annual Conference

APRIL 23-25 2025

The Crowne Plaza Airport Expo Center

830 Phillips Lane, Louisville, KY 40209

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REGISTRATION INFORMATION COMING SOON!

25 YEARS OF CHI EPSILON SIGMA

We will be celebrating 25 years of Chi Epsilon Sigma at our annual conference. More details will be coming soon. The ChiES board is working hard to bring you an amazing conference! To have a special dinner and awards ceremony on Thursday evening of the conference, formal attire is encouraged but not required. It will be a celebration of the incredible support staff from the past, present, and future. We will also take group pictures Thursday evening instead of Friday morning.

***If any of our long-time members have pictures from the past 25 years of ChiES conferences, please send them to robyn.edgell@uky.edu. by February 28.*

CHI EPSILON SIGMA



SILVER JUBILEE GALA


Celebrating 25 Years

24TH APRIL | 7 PM

Join us for dinner and awards as we celebrate this momentous occasion for our organization.

Formal attire is encouraged, but not required.

CROWNE PLAZA AIRPORT EXPO CENTER
830 PHILLIPS LANE
LOUISVILLE, KY 40209

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We are inviting previous board members to join the conference dinner on *Thursday, April 24*. Even if some, or all, of them are unable to attend, we still want to recognize the contributions of all board members. Some of them were instrumental in creating Chi Epsilon Sigma while others helped carry out our mission by continuing this wonderful organization. It takes tremendous hard work and dedication, as well as teamwork and commitment, to make an annual conference happen.

Thank you to those that have and will continue to make it happen!

OPEN BOARD POSITIONS

Serving as an officer or director on the ChiES Board is a great opportunity to improve leadership and communication skills, meet new friends from across the state, and be a part of what makes CES support staff GREAT! Position descriptions can be found on our website at <https://chies.ca.uky.edu/SOP>. If you are interested in joining, reach out to Kim Campbell, Past President, or visit <https://chies.ca.uky.edu/board> for the application form. **Forms are due by March 7.**

PLEASE NOTE: The officer/director application requires approval from your Agent/Supervisor and AED/Dept Chair. Incoming officers/directors will not be sworn in at the annual conference unless this application has been completed with both required signatures.

The following positions will be open this year:

Vice President Secretary Treasurer Annalist

Directors: W5/W6 W7/W8 C5/C6 C7/C8 E5/E6 E7/E8

**Directors do not have to work in the area they serve!*

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Chi Epsilon Sigma offers three scholarships to members:

- Professional Improvement
- Higher Education
- Child/Grandchild

Visit <https://chies.ca.uky.edu/scholarships> for the description and application of each. If you have any questions, contact Hannah Drury, C3/C4 Director, at hannah.drury@uky.edu.

Applications are due March 7.

CHAPTER AWARDS

Chi Epsilon Sigma recognizes the hard work and incredible talent of its members. At each annual meeting, the top three nominees of each of the seven categories are awarded. The categories, including descriptions, and the nomination form can be found online at <https://chies.ca.uky.edu/chapter-awards>

Anyone can nominate any member. Self-nominations are not only welcome but are also encouraged! If multiple people plan to nominate someone, please combine the nominations into one before submitting them. If you have any questions, contact Stephanie Howard, C7/C8 Director, at showard@uky.edu. **Nominations are due March 7.**