



Congress Beacon

Newsletter of Delta Sigma Pi's 2019 Grand Chapter Congress

Registration Confirmation Edition

CONGRATULATIONS!

Now that you've registered for the 52nd Grand Chapter Congress this document will help you plan for your attendance. This newsletter is designed to make planning your visit to Atlanta easy. Contact information for the Atlanta Marriott Marquis, air, shuttle and car reservations, etc. is included. After thoroughly reviewing the materials, if you still have questions, contact the Central Office at 513-523-1907; registration@dsp.org.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

- Nametags for Grand Chapter Congress will be required for entry into all events. *Full* Congress registrants will receive a nametag that allows entry for all events throughout the week. *Partial* registrants will have special color-coded nametags that allow entry to events by the day(s) registered for. Please ensure you have registered for all the days you wish to participate in at Congress. If you partially registered and wish to upgrade your registration, please call 513-523-1907 or email registration@dsp.org for assistance.
- Tickets will be *required* for meal functions and the Friday College Football Hall of Fame and dinner. Nametags will provide access to all other Grand Chapter Congress events. Access to functions will be controlled.

ACCOMMODATIONS – The Atlanta Marriott Marquis is the official Grand Chapter Congress hotel. Located in the heart of downtown, the Marquis is an iconic destination bursting with style and energy. Named the 2017 Americas Hotel of the Year by Marriott International, the Atlanta Marriott Marquis is a wonderful setting for our 52nd Grand Chapter Congress. The hotel is near a MARTA rail station, Georgia World Congress Center, AmericasMart Atlanta, and countless other attractions.

Excellent room rates of \$139/night + tax for single, double, triple or quad are available only until July 3 or until the group block is sold-out, whichever comes first. Make reservations **now!** *Atlanta Marriott Marquis, 265 Peachtree Center Avenue, Atlanta, GA 30303; 404-521-0000.*

A dedicated booking website for the Atlanta Marriott Marquis has been created for Congress so you will be able to make, modify and cancel your hotel reservations online. If you prefer the option of a phone reservation, please call **404-521-0000**. You may go online (www.dsp.org/GCC) to review discounted rate options and/or book a room. (Do not book through Atlanta Marriott Marquis's general website or you will not be included in the Deltasig room block and receive the discounted rate or added benefits.) The website also allows you to review pictures and basic information about the Atlanta Marriott Marquis.

Atlanta Marriott Marquis may pre-authorize your debit card toward room, tax and incidental charges incurred during your hotel stay. The total hold on your account will be room and tax for the duration of your stay plus 50% of that total towards any incidental charges. You may use cash or another credit card at the time of check-out. However, the initial authorized amount will be released by the hotel upon departure. It may take 7 to 20 business days for release from your

account depending on your financial institution. The hotel (and Delta Sigma Pi) are not responsible for any resulting overdraft fees.

Check-in is 4:00 P.M. and check-out is 11:00 a.m.

No self-parking is available at the hotel. Off-site self-parking is available near the hotel for \$25 daily or valet parking is available at the Marriott. Deltasigs staying in the *Delta Sigma Pi room block* receive 50% off valet parking rates (currently \$45, Deltasig room block rate \$22.50). Attendees might consider parking at a suburban MARTA (subway) station and taking the MARTA to the hotel to save on parking fees. More information to be made available by the Host Committee soon.

If the Atlanta Marriott Marquis is sold out, information on overflow hotels will be provided at www.dsp.org/GCC – or contact the Central Office at registration@dsp.org.

AIR TRAVEL and CAR RENTAL – See also “Travel Assistance” and “Airport Transportation.”

For links to Atlanta area websites, or to learn more about travel discounts for rental cars, air travel, etc., see www.dsp.org/GCC. Keep checking the site as more details are added over time.

American Airlines: Save on American Airlines when you book with Deltasig’s special discount code **A1689BG** for travel to Congress from August 10-20 into the Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL). Discount varies based on zone. Contact AA Meeting Services Desk at 1-800-433-1790.

Delta Air Lines: Save up to 10% on Delta Air Lines when you book with Deltasig’s special discount code for travel to Congress August 10-20 into Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL). Go to **www.delta.com** or call 800-328-1111 and reference meeting code **NY2HQ** to get rates and book your tickets. When booking online, select Meeting Event Code and enter your Meeting ID in the box provided on the Search Flight page.

Southwest Airlines: Book between March 15 and July 25, 2019 to save on Southwest Airlines airfare and receive 50% Bonus Rapid Reward points when you book with Deltasig’s special discount. Use discount code **99882381** for travel to Congress from August 10-20 into the Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL). Go to www.SWABIZ.com to get rates and book your ticket.

United Airlines: Save up to 10% on United Airlines when you book with Deltasig’s special discount code for travel to Congress from August 10-20 into Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL). Go to **www.united.com** to search for your desired flights – in the OFFER CODE section, type Deltasig’s discount code: **ZFRG353219**.

Rental Cars:

Enterprise: Save with Enterprise Rent-a-Car and National Car Rentals! Book directly through Delta Sigma Pi's page or use Corporate Number/Contract ID **XZ38366** when reserving to take advantage of special offers and waived youthful driver fees.

Hertz Rent a Car: Discount **CDP# 65323** is the key to great savings. Go to hertz.com for Hertz reservations, services and special offers. For phone reservations, call Hertz at 1-800-654-2210.

AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION – The Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL) is 12 miles from the Atlanta Marriott Marquis Hotel. The hotel does not offer a complimentary airport shuttle service, however they do offer a *return shuttle* service for a fee by reservation only at the Bell Desk.

You might consider a car rental using Deltasig partners (see above). Alternate transportation methods include A-National Limousine Service (approx. \$60 one way), taxi (approx. \$32 one way), bus service (\$16.50 one way) or MARTA subway service (\$2.50 one way). MARTA stops a short walk from the hotel. MARTA’s Airport Station is inside the Domestic Terminal. The Red and Gold lines travel directly to and from the Airport Station. For more information on MARTA, visit **www.itsmarta.com**.

Uber: New users can sign-up for Uber and earn a free ride with promo code **r96jt**.

Lyft: New users can sign-up for Lyft and earn a free ride with promo code **2019GCC**.

ALCOHOL POLICIES – The legal drinking age is 21. Attendees should be prepared to present valid personal identification as requested. It is recommended to have two picture identifications with you.

Alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase by those of legal age (21) for their own consumption at various Grand Chapter Congress events. These beverages will be served by hotel management personnel who will enforce the minimum drinking age.

ALUMNI CHAPTER TRAVEL AWARD – See “Travel Awards”.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE SUGGESTIONS – Ideal arrival time is Tuesday, August 13. On Tuesday morning from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., the Atlanta Community Food Bank service project will take place. Transportation to the food bank will be provided. For more information, refer to “Community Service Event” below. Congress Registration begins from 10:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, continuing on the following days. Grand Chapter Congress “proper” begins Wednesday, August 14, with the Marketplace, and a day of educational and leadership programming beginning at 9:00 a.m. Delegate Orientation is Wednesday at 5:15 p.m. **All Delegates and Alternates must attend the Orientation.** The Saturday Grand Banquet and Dance is the final scheduled Congress event. Departure should be planned no sooner than Sunday, August 18. Refer to the tentative schedule at the end of this *Beacon* for more details.

ATLANTA and AREA INFORMATION – Extensive visitor information is available at www.dsp.org/GCC. The Atlanta Convention and Visitor Bureau also has resources available online.

AWARDS – See “Travel Awards”

BANQUET SEATING – Attendees can request where and whom they’d like to sit with at the Saturday night banquet. The Host Committee will streamline the process and have a table set up during Congress for attendees to view table assignments and make any changes. Seating assignments can be made up to 24-hours prior to the banquet. Seating will be on a first-come, first-served basis and your requests will be honored based on availability. All persons you wish to sit with must also indicate in their request that they also wish to sit with you.

CANCELLATIONS – See “Transfers/Cancellations” for information on how to cancel your Congress registration.

CHAPTER LEADERSHIP FUNDS – Your chapter may have grantable funds available through your Chapter Leadership Fund (CLF), a chapter-specific account within the Leadership Foundation created to receive chapter designated charitable gifts. These funds may help offset the educational costs associated with Grand Chapter Congress. Encourage your alumni and friends to financially support your chapter’s CLF by visiting dsp.org/donate. Once gifts are made, your chapter can request grants to cover the costs related to a Delta Sigma Pi program—like Grand Chapter Congress—including registration fees, travel and lodging. Find information about your chapter’s CLF, including available funds and the process to request a grant, by logging into the Hub.

CHAPTER MERCHANDISE SALES – Chapters may sell merchandise during designated times at a pre-assigned table only with advance reservations. A request may be made using the “GCC Chapter Sales Approval Form”, which is available in the Hub Forms Module until 7/1. If the submitted form is approved, \$25 per item being sold will be invoiced to the chapter – **form and payment must be received by July 1**. All sellers - collegians and alumni - must be fully registered for Grand Chapter Congress. Please review the merchandise policy to ensure you are in compliance.

CHILD CARE – No formal “youth programs” or childcare will be arranged by the Fraternity. The hotel does not offer babysitting services. The Fraternity does not endorse or recommend any service.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME – See “Friday Night Outing”

COLLEGIATE CHAPTER TRAVEL AWARD – See “Travel Awards”.

COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENT – Join us on Tuesday, August 13 from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. as we help give back to the community with the Atlanta Community Food Bank. Every year, the Food Bank works with more than 600 nonprofit partners—including food pantries, community kitchens, childcare centers, night shelters and senior centers—to distribute over 60 million meals to more than 755,000 people in Atlanta and north Georgia. Transportation to the Food Bank will be provided. **Be sure to email registration@dsp.org by July 15, for more information.**

Delta Sigma Pi will also be supporting our national initiative by collecting Wish List items for the local Ronald McDonald House Wednesday, August 14-Friday, August 16. Please see their wish list items located at <https://armhc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/armhc.wish-list-2017.pdf>.

CONGRESS LADDER & PIN – A Fraternity tradition is for Congress attendees to purchase a GCC “Headbar” and “Ladders” for each Congress they attend. The official Atlanta Congress pin is \$5 – one in a series of GCC collector pins. [Click here](#) to purchase the items – and see images. You may purchase your Headbar, Ladder or Congress logo pin at the GCC Central Office Store. Additionally, orders may be placed by emailing the order form to the Central Office at orders@dsp.org. Ordering in advance will ensure you get one, as they are limited, and will allow you to assemble the ladder more easily.

CONGRESS TRAVEL FUND FOR COLLEGIATE CHAPTERS – Each chapter has paid at least \$200 per year into the Congress Travel Fund to be used toward Congress expenses (registration, hotel, travel, etc. for the delegate, alternates and/or other chapter members). Newly installed chapters should check with the Central Office as funds may not be available. The Congress reserve fund will be issued as an account credit (viewable in the Hub) to each eligible chapter within 14 days after Congress. If the chapter prefers the fund to be disbursed via check, the request must be made at least 14 days prior to the start of the event. The official delegate of each chapter and each Grand Officer are required to attend each business session of the Grand Chapter Congress. Failure to be in attendance proportionately reduces any available expense allowance. Absence at any roll call or during a fractional part of one session exceeding thirty (30) minutes in length will constitute an absence, unless the Grand President has officially excused the delegate/alternates or officer for a good cause.

CREDENTIALS – All delegates and alternates will need to check-in at the Credentials Desk – open Tuesday, August 13 (10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.) and Wednesday, August 14 (8:30 a.m. – 5:15 p.m.). A mandatory meeting for all delegates and alternates is scheduled for Wednesday, August 14 (5:15 – 6:30 p.m.) to review procedures and expectations for attendance, credentials, voting and parliamentary law. *Collegiate delegates must be currently enrolled for fall term at the school where their chapter is chartered and all delegates must be fully registered for Congress.*

DISABILITIES, SPECIAL DIETS OR OTHER SPECIAL NEEDS – Delta Sigma Pi and Atlanta Marriott Marquis want to accommodate your needs as best as reasonably possible. Please contact the Central Office before your trip so we can make arrangements for your comfort. If you have vegetarian, vegan, allergy or other dietary needs, please communicate that detailed information as soon as possible to registration@dsp.org. Dietary needs made after August 1 or on-site may not be able to be accommodated satisfactorily. There may be an additional charge in order to meet certain requests.

DRESS REQUIREMENTS –

Wednesday - Business casual attire may be worn for the educational sessions. For the Wednesday night Grand President’s Reception and Carnival – wear your letters or other casual attire.

Thursday – Professional attire (traditionally a suit or dress) is required for the Business Sessions and National Honorary Initiation.

Friday - Business casual attire may be worn for the Friday Business Sessions. Be sure to wear your college “game day” or other casual attire (such as nice shorts and Deltasig shirts) for the outing on Friday to the College Football Hall of Fame.

Saturday - Business casual attire may be worn for the Saturday Business Sessions. Professional attire (traditionally a suit or dress) is required for the Saturday Banquet and Dance. Some of the Board of Directors, Regional Vice Presidents, staff, and others may wear formal attire for the Banquet and Dance. Other participants are welcome to wear formal attire, but it is not required. Refer to “Tuxedo” section for information on tuxedo rentals.

August temperatures in Atlanta (per accuweather.com) average a daytime high of 89 and evening lows of 71. Those wishing to use the indoor/outdoor pool and workout facilities should bring appropriate clothing. Bring comfortable shoes for walking and dancing, as well as an umbrella. Remember to bring a sweater or light jacket as hotel meeting rooms can be very cool. Also be sure to bring your Fraternity badge, Congress Ladder, pins and other Deltasig jewelry; driver’s license or other ID and your hotel confirmation. Consider bringing copies of your résumé for career opportunities offered

by various Deltasig partners. Delegates and alternates should also bring a Ritual Book, Bylaw amendments, copies of Bylaws and Policy and Procedure Manuals.

EXPENSES – In planning for your convention expenses, there are several additional items that you should consider. Your personal costs will include lodging, meals which are not part of the convention program, your transportation to and from the Atlanta area and hotel, cab or bus fares, tips, snacks, drinks, souvenirs and other incidental expenses. See Congress Travel Fund for reimbursement details.

FLOWERS/CORSAGES – Contact the hotel concierge or do a local online search for options.

FRIDAY NIGHT OUTING – Off Property Event – College Football Hall of Fame Private DSP Night!

Join more than 800 Deltasigs from 6:30-9:30 p.m. for a private event at the College Football Hall of Fame with tailgate dinner and cash bar. Every visitor gets a fully interactive All-Access Pass that is the key to unlocking unique experiences (including indoor field and skills challenge, fight song karaoke, and interactive exhibits) and reliving highlights over and over again. Delta Sigma Pi Full or Friday Registration required.



HOTEL AND CONGRESS REGISTRATION – When you arrive at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis, you will need to check-in at the front desk for your hotel accommodations. Beginning Tuesday, August 13, you may also check-in with Delta Sigma Pi, between 10:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., for your official Congress registration packet.

MARKETPLACE – Fraternity partners, sponsors and vendors, including chapter merchandise sales, will be in the Deltasig Marketplace throughout the convention. For those chapters wishing to sell items, refer to “Chapter Merchandise Sales” and complete the “GCC Chapter Sales Approval Form” in the Hub Forms Module. See tentative schedule for open hours.

ONSITE EVENT REGISTRATION – Tickets/nametags **may** be available on-site for additional full-day packages that are not sold out. Space is limited and preference is given to those with advance full registrations.

PARKING (Hotel) – See “Accommodations” for details and discounts.

PHOTOGRAPHY – A photographer from Fraternal Composite Service will be available during the Saturday banquet and reception for group and formal options, as well as throughout the week in the Marketplace.

ROOMMATES – If you are looking for a roommate for Congress, email registration@dsp.org your name, age, gender, school, email and phone number. Staff will accumulate the data and forward it to others seeking roommates. It is your responsibility to follow-up with contacts, make a hotel reservation, etc. Delta Sigma Pi assumes no responsibility or liability regarding this optional service.

SAFETY – During the summer months, it is easy to become dehydrated. Drink plenty of water and juices (caffeine and alcohol dehydrate even more) and be conscious of high temperatures. Seek assistance if you’re not feeling well or chilling when in the heat – heat stroke is a serious risk for everyone. *Water is good* for you!

Remember, there is safety in numbers so **always** travel in groups. We want your Congress experience to be pleasant and memorable. Use common sense and be alert.

TOURS – No Deltasig-only tours have been arranged. Links to Atlanta attractions and a number of tour vendors are found at www.dsp.org/GCC. See “Atlanta and Area Information” above.

TRANSFERS/CANCELLATIONS – Registration transfers (from one person to another) are simple – Transfers should be requested at www.dsp.org/myregistrations by the original registrant. A \$30 service fee paid by the new registrant will be incurred at the time of registration. If circumstances beyond your control force you to cancel, please submit your cancellation request at www/dsp.org/myregistrations. Cancelled registrations will be refunded in full, less a 10% per person service fee, if the cancellation request is **received at the Central Office by August 1**. All cancellations **received after August 1 are nonrefundable**. If your registration was paid by chapter check or someone else, the refund will be

payable to that entity. Refunds will be made as promptly as possible; however, those canceling near Congress will experience a delay due to staffing limitations. Please contact registration@dsp.org with questions.

TRAVEL AWARDS – The Kenneth B. White Collegiate Chapter Travel Award is presented at each Congress to the one collegiate chapter exhibiting the greatest promotion of the Congress through its vigorous attendance. This award is named in honor of Brother White, an initiate of Gamma Chapter (Boston). Eligibility Requirements: chapter must have a delegate seated at the Grand Chapter Congress; members included in consideration of award must be of collegiate status at the time of Grand Chapter Congress; members must be paid and registered for *Full Registration* at least 10 days prior to the Congress opening session; members may not change registration as to which collegiate chapter they represent at any point during the Grand Chapter Congress.

The Robert O. Hughes Alumni Chapter Travel Award is presented at each Congress to the one alumni chapter exhibiting the greatest promotion of the Congress through its vigorous attendance. This award is named in honor of Brother Hughes, an initiate of Beta Nu Chapter (Pennsylvania), and recipient of the 2001 Lifetime Achievement Award. Combined, Bob and Arlene Hughes attended over fifty Congresses! Eligibility Requirements: chapter must have a delegate seated at the Grand Chapter Congress; members included in consideration of award must be of alumni status at the time of Grand Chapter Congress, be paid and registered for *Full Registration* at least 10 days prior to the Congress opening session, indicate which alumni chapter they represent on their Congress registration form *and reside* in the area of the alumni chapter.

TUXEDO RENTAL – Discounted tuxedo rentals have been arranged with Men’s Wearhouse for \$40 off rentals for the Grand Banquet. Review this [promotional flyer](#) for details.

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2019 GRAND CHAPTER CONGRESS

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OUTLINE (3/2019)

Tuesday, August 13

8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Leadership Foundation Annual Meeting
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Atlanta Community Food Bank Community Service Event (pre-registration required)
10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Central Office Store
10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Registration/Credentials Open

Wednesday, August 14

8:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Registration
8:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Central Office Store
8:30 a.m. – 5:15 p.m.	Credentials
8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Deltasig Marketplace
8:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Host Committee/Banquet Seating
9:00 – 10:00 a.m.	Opening Session, Welcome and Keynote Address
10:15 – 11:15 a.m.	Personal, professional, leadership and chapter operation workshops
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Personal, professional, leadership and chapter operation workshops
12:30 – 1:45 p.m.	Lunch on Your Own (optional chapter officer, alumni and colony roundtable topics)
2:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Personal, professional, leadership and chapter operation workshops
3:15 – 4:15 p.m.	Ritual History Session with Randy Hultz and Onuka Ibe
3:15 – 4:15 p.m.	Personal, professional, leadership and chapter operation workshops
4:30 – 5:15 p.m.	Closing Session and 2018 COY Travis Brodbeck Address
5:15 – 6:30 p.m.	Delegate/Alternate Orientation (Required for Delegates and Alternates)
6:30 p.m. – Open	Dinner On Your Own
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.	National Leadership Reception (Invitation Only)
8:30 – 9:30 p.m.	Caucus/Election Moderator Meeting
9:00 p.m. – Midnight	Grand President's Reception and Carnival

Thursday, August 15

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Host Committee/Banquet Seating
8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Registration
8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Central Office Store
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Deltasig Marketplace
8:30 – 10:15 a.m.	Opening Ritual, Honorary Initiation and Address
10:30 – 11:45 a.m.	Opening Business Session
Noon – 1:45 p.m.	Alumni Recognition Lunch and Program
2:15 – 4:15 p.m.	Business Session (continues)
2:15 – 4:25 p.m.	Personal, professional, leadership and chapter operation workshops
4:30 – 5:30 p.m.	Provincial and Regional Awards Presentations
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Deltasig Investors Roundtable Outing (tentative)
5:30 p.m.	Open Evening/Dinner On Your Own

Friday, August 16

7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Registration/Central Office Store
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Deltasig Marketplace
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Host Committee/Banquet Seating
8:00 – 11:00 a.m.	Business Session and Caucuses for Grand President and VP-Finance
11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Concurrent Provincial Caucuses (5)
12:30 – 2:00 p.m.	National Awards Lunch, Program and 2019 COY Address
2:15 – 3:15 p.m.	Regional Caucuses (half of the regions)
2:15 – 4:30 p.m.	Personal, professional, leadership and chapter operation workshops
3:30 – 4:30 p.m.	Regional Caucuses (half of the regions)
6:30 – 9:30 p.m.	Private event at College Football Hall of Fame

Saturday, August 17

8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Registration/Central Office Store
8:00 a.m. – Noon	Deltasig Marketplace
8:30 a.m. – Noon	Business Session – Elections, Testimonials and Grand Officer Installation
Noon – 2:00 p.m.	New Fraternity Board Lunch
Noon – 2:00 p.m.	Lunch On Your Own
2:00 – 3:30 p.m.	PVP/RVP Meetings
5:30 – 7:00 p.m.	Fraternity and Foundation Banquet Reception and Leadership Foundation Auction and Recognition (for all attendees)
7:15 p.m.	Grand March Begins
7:15 – 10:30 p.m.	Awards and Recognition Banquet with 2019 Lifetime Achievement Honoree, Norm Kromberg
10:30 p.m. – 1:00 a.m.	DJ Dance