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Conclave 2026
Hosted by Omega Chapter

Texas Tech University
October 1 - 3, 2026
Lubbock, TX



“Weaving Our Futures Through Phi U!”

The following is a draft of the conference schedule and will be updated as program plans are finalized. Hotel accommodations are provided by The Overton Hotel.

Conference sessions will occur on the campus of Texas Tech University.

Day 1: Thursday, October 1

Time	Session & Description	Location
4:00 PM – 5:30 PM	Registration & Auction Drop-off Check-in and drop off items for the silent auction.	McKenzie-Merket Alumni Center- The Dean's Lobby
6:00 PM – 7:30 PM	Raider Welcome Dinner Kickoff event featuring the Lubbock ISD Mariachi Band and speaker Chadwick Boyd; Attendees are encouraged to wear their “Green Bean Casserole for Good” T-shirt	Frazier Alumni Pavilion

Time	Session & Description	Location
7:30 PM – 8:30 PM	“It’s Biscuit Time with Chadwick Boyd” & Trailblazer Research Grant Biscuit making demo by chef, author, and entrepreneur Chadwick Boyd and research grant presentation.	Frazier Alumni Pavilion
8:30 PM – 9:30 PM	National Service Projects Packing hygiene kits for Lubbock ISD and cutting patterns and tying blankets for Sleep in Heavenly Peace.	Frazier Alumni Pavilion- North Room
9:30 PM – 10:30 PM	Collegiate Meet & Greet Networking session for students.	Frazier Alumni Pavilion- North Room
9:30 PM – 10:30 PM	Advisor & Alumni Meet & Greet Networking session for alumni and advisors	The Overton Hotel- President’s Suite

Day 2: Friday, October 2

Time	Session & Description	Location
7:30 AM – 8:30 AM	Breakfast On Your Own Find a local favorite spot and enjoy a taste of TX; Student ambassadors will meet groups at the hotel to walk to the McKenzie-Merket Alumni Center	The Overton Hotel Lobby
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Registration Check-in	McKenzie-Merket Alumni Center- The Dean’s Lobby
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Silent Auction, Chapter Sales, and Exhibit Expo Setup	McKenzie-Merket Alumni Center- East Ballroom

Time	Session & Description	Location
9:00 AM – 9:30 AM	Opening Session Presiding: President Dr. Susan Miller. Roll call of chapters, "Weaving Wonders" welcome, and Introduce Digital Poster Contest	McKenzie-Merket Alumni Center- East Ballroom
9:30 AM – 10:30 AM	Phi U Talks 10 minute talks to highlight various FCS and Phi U topics	McKenzie-Merket Alumni Center- East Ballroom
	Membership & Mentors Ms. Robin Box	McKenzie-Merket Alumni Center- East Ballroom
	Weaving Connections That Matter: How Work-Based Learning Transforms Students, Schools, and Communities Dr. Cindy Miller	McKenzie-Merket Alumni Center- East Ballroom
	FCS Facts: The Occupations Woven Throughout 215 Industries Ms. Karin Athanas	McKenzie-Merket Alumni Center- East Ballroom
	Weaving Partnerships to Foster Engaged Scholarship Dr. Kyle L. Roberson	McKenzie-Merket Alumni Center- East Ballroom
	Weaving Affordable Nutrition into Everyday Meals: Evaluating Lentils as a Partial Meat Replacement Ms. Samantha Vessels	McKenzie-Merket Alumni Center- East Ballroom
10:35 AM – 11:15 AM	Concurrent Weaving Workshop Sessions #1	McKenzie Merket Alumni Center
	Why Knot Be a Leader: Weaving Your Leadership Skills Dr. Susan Miller, Dr. Sonya Meyer, and Dr. Sydney Cox	Robert L. Duncan Room (119F)

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	Human-Centered AI: Leading with Ethics, Purpose, and Human Connection Dr. Melanie Schmitt, Ph.D, CFCS, CFCS-HDFS, Raul Palacios, MS, RDN, LD, Dr. Karen Alexander, Ph.D.	Wick Alexander Family Room (119E)
	Adulting 101: Real Skills for Real Life Dr. Gencie Houy	Plains Capital Bank Room (119D)
	FCS Curriculum Center Tour- Josephine Oluwaloni Oyedokun Meet in The Dean's Lobby to walk over to the College of Health and Human Sciences	College of Health and Human Sciences- Curriculum Center for Family and Consumer Sciences: Room 001
11:20 AM – 12:00 PM	Concurrent Weaving Workshop Sessions #2	McKenzie Merket Alumni Center
	Why Knot Be a Leader: Weaving Your Leadership Skills Dr. Susan Miller, Dr. Sonya Meyer, and Dr. Sydney Cox	Robert L. Duncan Room (119F)
	Human-Centered AI: Leading with Ethics, Purpose, and Human Connection Dr. Melanie Schmitt, Ph.D, CFCS, CFCS-HDFS, Raul Palacios, MS, RDN, LD, Dr. Karen Alexander, Ph.D.	Wick Alexander Family Room (119E)
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	FCS Curriculum Center Tour- Josephine Oluwaloni Oyedokun Meet in The Dean's Lobby to walk over to the College of Health and Human Sciences	College of Health and Human Sciences- Curriculum Center for Family and Consumer Sciences: Room 001
12:15 PM – 2:00 PM	National Honorary Initiation Luncheon and Keynote “More Connected. More Lonely. Now What?” Omega Chapter Initiation Ceremony and Keynote speaker Chadwick Boyd, “Weaving Wonders”, Community Impact Grant, Alumni Research, and Digital Poster Contest.	McKenzie-Merket Alumni Center- East Ballroom
2:10 PM – 3:10 PM	Region Meetings Regional business and engaging mentorship activities.	McKenzie Merket Alumni Center
	Region 1- led by Dr. Sarah Alfaro and Ms. Ashlyn Cruz	Robert L. Duncan Room (119F)
	Region 2- led by Dr. Melissa Wood and Ms. Adanely Ambriz Valasquez	Wick Alexander Family Room (119E)
	Region 3- led by Ms. Goldie Prelogar-Hernandez and Ms. Ella Jo Ashley	East Ballroom
	Region 4- led by Ms. Mary Gengler and Ms. Chloe Quezada	Plains Capital Bank Room (119D)
3:15 PM – 4:30 PM	Exhibit Expo/ Silent Auction/ Chapter Sales Networking with college programs, businesses and final bidding on auction items.	McKenzie-Merket Alumni Center- East Ballroom

Time	Session & Description	Location
4:45 PM SHARP	Conclave 2026 Attendee Group Photo	McKenzie-Merket Alumni Center- Courtyard
5:15 PM – 6:00 PM	50-Year Member Reception Special recognition for long-standing members	McKenzie-Merket Alumni Center- Alumni Lounge
5:15 PM – 6:00 PM	Research Poster Presentations	McKenzie-Merket Alumni Center- Alumni Lounge
6:15 PM – 8:00 PM	Recognition Dinner Presiding: President Susan Miller. “Weaving Wonders”, entertainment, Digital Poster Contest Winners announced, recognition of Past National Presidents and Foundation Chairs, Foundation Donors, Honoring Dr. Mary Franken, Florence Fallgatter Alumni Award, 50 Year Member Honorees, and new scholarship announcement.	McKenzie-Merket Alumni Center- Main Ballroom

Day 3: Saturday, October 3

Time	Session & Description	Location
7:30 AM – 8:30 AM	Breakfast On Your Own Find a local favorite spot and enjoy a taste of TX; Student ambassadors will meet groups at the hotel to walk to the McKenzie-Merket Alumni Center	The Overton Hotel Lobby
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Registration Attendees will be leaving directly from the conference after lunch to depart for the excursion tours. Please plan accordingly.	McKenzie-Merket Alumni Center- The Dean’s Lobby

Time	Session & Description	Location
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	National Conclave Business Meeting Presiding: President Susan Miller. Official business session- All delegates are required to attend.	McKenzie-Market Alumni Center- Main Ballroom
10:15 AM – 10:45 AM	Silent Auction and Chapter Sales Dedicated shopping time and last chance	McKenzie-Market Alumni Center- East Ballroom
11:15 AM – 11:30 AM	Final Auction Check-out and Winners Pick Up	McKenzie-Market Alumni Center- East Ballroom
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Awards Luncheon Presiding: President Susan Miller. “Weaving Wonders”, Presentation of scholarships, fellowships, awards, Conclave grants, Professional Projects, and Bachtel/Holbrook Collegiate Advisor Awards.	McKenzie-Market Alumni Center- Main Ballroom
1:45 PM – 4:45 PM	Lubbock Excursions Gather at 1:45 PM to load buses to leave at 2:00 pm SHARP for tours of the National Ranching Heritage Center/TTU Museum OR Buddy Holly Center/Windmill Museum	Depart from McKenzie-Market Alumni Center- The Dean’s Lobby and Return to The Overton Hotel
6:00 PM – 8:30 PM	Violet Banquet Presiding: Executive Director Melissa Martin. “Weaving Wonders”, entertainment, President’s Farewell Address, installation of new national officers, introduction of 26-28 theme, and Conclave 2028 announcement; Wear your favorite purple attire!	McKenzie-Market Alumni Center- Main Ballroom