

# Press Release

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### Alpha Gamma Rho Celebrates 100 Years At Its National Convention

Alpha Gamma Rho celebrated its 100th year as a fraternity August 15 – 18, 2004 in Columbus, Ohio. This was the fraternity's 58th annual National Convention. Approximately 800 AGR alumni and collegiate members and their families attended the convention.

Columbus was selected for the convention site because of Alpha Gamma Rho's history of the fraternity's foundation there 100 years ago. Alpha Gamma Rho is the national professional/social agricultural fraternity with more than 59,000 members nationwide and chapters on 65 campuses in the United States.

During the convention AGR honored 718 of its members as "Brothers of The Century." The purpose of the Alpha Gamma Rho Brothers of the Century award is to recognize the "best of the best" members of AGR in the fraternity's first 100 years.

For this honor the brothers could be nominated in one of two categories; service to Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity or service to agriculture. Each recipient received a commemorative Brother of the Century medallion and was invited to attend the 2004 convention to be recognized in a special ceremony and celebration of AGR's first century.

During the convention business and committee meetings were held along with development sessions available for alumni and collegiate members.

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Keynote speakers of the convention included Dr. Karen Holbrook, President of Ohio State University; Dr. Bobby Moser, Vice President, Agriculture Administration & Outreach of Ohio State University; Lowell Catlett, Agriculture Futurist & Professor at New Mexico State University; Jim Moseley, Deputy Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture; Casey Hogan, Western Region Vice-President of the National FFA Organization; and Archie Griffin, two-time winner of the Heisman Trophy.

The convention concluded with a celebration of its first 100 years, the Brothers of The Century Luncheon and Gala celebration including a look ahead at Alpha Gamma Rho's bright future.

This convention allowed Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity to begin its second century with growing momentum and confident expectations that the best is yet to come.

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