

**Alpha Chi Chapter Annual Report
2008-2009**

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Name of School/College: Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences, Wayne State University

Chapter Name and Region: Alpha Chi Chapter, Region IV

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Introduction:

The chapter activities in 2008-2009 contributed to the advancement of the profession of pharmacy through promotion of scholarly achievement and pharmacy practice. Members of the Alpha Chi chapter of Rho Chi participated in activities primarily related to assisting underserved patients with access to health care, promoting academic excellence within the college and providing incoming pharmacy students with a mentorship program.

Meetings:

05/15/2008 – The purpose of this meeting was to allow the incoming officers to meet with the immediate past officers to discuss matters of interest for the upcoming school year. All new and

former officers were present along with our faculty advisor. Each new officer was given guidance of their upcoming role.

09/13/2008 – This meeting was the first held since the return of the students from their summer vacations. All of our members along with our faculty advisor were present. Items that were discussed included setting up committees for tutoring, fundraising, social events and the banquet. This helped to get the activities rolling within the college including maintenance of Cabrini Clinic services.

11/24/2008 – Agenda for this meeting included discussing current fundraising opportunities, highlights of the regional meeting attended by some members and initiation of a new Rho Chi led journal club within the school. Other items included maintenance of college wide tutoring services and discussion of the Lakey Award Winner. All of our members including faculty advisor were present.

01/12/2009 – This meeting was held shortly after the return of students from the holiday break. Agenda items included a thorough discussion of the roles and responsibilities of the Rho Chi members with respect to the journal club. The chapter also voted on the amendment passed by the National office. Other items included preparation for the next luncheon, banquet and signing up for Pharm.D. interview assistance within the college. Those present included the Rho Chi student members, our faculty advisor and Assistant Dean Slaughter.

03/13/2009 – The main highlight of this meeting was the final preparation for the upcoming initiation banquet for the new Rho Chi members. Other items on the agenda included a discussion on mentorship program improvement and experiences with the journal club. Also a vote was taken on which organization would receive a charitable contribution from our chapter. Members present included the student members and faculty advisor.

04/22/2009 – The purpose of this meeting was to elect new officers for the 2009-2010 school years. A brief introduction of the roles and responsibilities of the officers was given by the former officers. Nominations were taken followed by votes from all the new members. Five new officers were successfully elected. Those attending included the former officers, all new members and our faculty advisor.

05/28/2009 – Meeting is to be held between the new and former officers to discuss roles and responsibilities for the upcoming 2009-2010 years.

Strategic Planning:

In relation to Rho Chi's mission, our chapter set a new goal of promoting widespread academic excellence within our College of Pharmacy. Our chapter established new and innovative ways to help promote the standards of Rho Chi within the college while maintaining the integrity and character of Rho Chi. Our Alpha Chi Chapter continues to embark on our goal of recognizing lifelong intellectual achievement in pharmacy through dissemination of the Lakey Award to a distinguished individual who has contributed to the practice and science of pharmacy.

Activities:

Cabrini Clinic Volunteering

Rho Chi members provided continuous pharmaceutical care to patients at the Cabrini Clinic, an underserved clinic in the city of Detroit that provides medical care and assistance with health care access for the indigent population. Student Pharmacists provided services including chart reviews and patient counseling for a three hour session each month along with our faculty advisor, Dr. Lynette Moser. This community service has been ongoing since 2004 and highlights our chapters strive to make a difference in the community.

Tutoring Services

Our chapter has consistently been able to offer tutoring services for first and second year pharmacy students. Students are informed during orientation and reminders through their course coordinators that tutoring is available for all their classes through the Alpha Chi Chapter of Rho Chi. The primary goal was to prepare the students for upcoming exams and to aid the students in overcoming difficulties within the didactic curriculum. This year, our chapter held numerous review sessions where we had as many as twenty students in attendance. Our members also held several one on one tutoring services at the request of individual students as well as course coordinators. Tutoring services have been held since our chapter's inception.

Rho Chi Journal Club

This year, the Alpha Chi Chapter of Rho Chi launched a new and innovative program within the college to help strive towards greater academic excellence. Our chapter along with the help of our faculty advisor collaborated with two other faculty members to help launch this program. The program involves Rho Chi student members selecting an article from the literature that is a health issue currently in the media and presenting the article to the first year pharmacy students enrolled in the Medical Informatics class during a half hour session. The session focused on engaging the students in active participation toward the clinical relevance and evaluation of the literature. The journal club sessions were conducted on a monthly basis and all students from first, second and third year were invited to join us for the discussion. A few faculty members were also in attendance but none the less, the discussion was led by the Rho Chi students. The Rho Chi students would then be involved in moderating the online discussion sections for the first year students. The course coordinator also sought the recommendations of the Rho Chi students for input into the evaluation of the student performance. In this effort, we were able to engage all of our Rho Chi members in active participation and helped to spread and foster academic excellence within the college. This newly created program will be on going event that future Rho Chi students will actively take part in.

Pharmacy Mentorship Program

Our chapter continued the development and growth of the mentorship program that was started last year by Rho Chi. The program involved collaboration with both the 1st and 3rd year classes in which a mentorship program was designed that allowed 1st year students to be paired with 3rd year students. The goals of the program include better preparing the 1st year pharmacy students for the concurrent years, to aid in developing professionalism in both the mentor and the mentee, and instill role model characteristics within the mentor and mentee. This year, our chapter was involved in developing surveys distributed to incoming pharmacy students to help better match the students and also implemented guidelines for the program to increase its effectiveness. Our chapter has continued this program since last year.

Pharmacy Interviews

Rho Chi members continued to define their presence within the college through conducted tours, question and answer sessions, and acted as guides for Pharm.D. applicants during their interview process. In addition, members offered to be kept in contact with their interview group by offering the applicants their email addresses. Rho Chi members also aided in the pre-pharmacy interviews in which participants interviewed and evaluated potential students for the admission into the health pro-start, pre-pharmacy program. Our chapter continues to be involved in these interviews for the third consecutive year which provides an excellent source of volunteering that is beneficial to both the college and the student.

Fundraising

Our members were very involved this year in helping to fundraise for our chapter. This year, our chapter decided to sell scrub outfits to first, second and third year pharmacy students in the college. The pants had screen printed the official college logo and were green in color. There was a great deal of contribution from our members in helping to produce a successful outcome which included advertising, collecting funds, transactions with the seller, distribution and more. Overall, the fundraiser was a success as we were able to sell more than sixty outfits. Our chapter also conducted a "Rho Chi Luncheon" in which each of our members brought in a home dish to the sale. Again, it took the work and group effort of our members in helping to advertise, set up and to collect funds from the fundraiser. The luncheon also proved to be a success with many students and faculty helping to support our chapter through the purchasing of lunch. It should be noted that through the fundraising activities, our chapter was in addition able to increase recognition and awareness of Rho Chi within the college. Our chapter has continued to actively fundraise since last year.

Charitable Contributions

Our chapter this year through successful fundraising events was able to generously donate \$300.00 to the Fighting Aids with Nutrition (F.A.W.N) program led by Reverend Frank Julian, RN, BSN. The mission of F.A.W.N. is to actively seek contributions from organizations and individuals in an effort to purchase nutrition products (Ensure[®]) to help fight the AIDS epidemic in Africa. They continuously make shipments of Ensure products to Africa as they have shown

to delay the disease progression of AIDS. Our chapter presented the organizers of the F.A.W.N program with a total cash sum of \$300.00 to help purchase nutrition products on behalf of Rho Chi. In this respect, our chapter has done a little part to help fight the health disparities around the world. This is the first year our chapter makes a charitable contribution and it is expected that future members uphold this tradition provided they are financially capable.

College Representation

A representative of Rho Chi was involved in the Dean's Student Advisory Counsel, an organization which deals with various issues surrounding the college and includes students in all programs at the Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences. This year, several of our members were also asked to join various committees within the college including the Curriculum Committee and the Steering Committee involved with the schools accreditation. In addition, some members assisted in the annual alumni dinner held at the college by serving desert. In addition, our chapter is consistently asked to give a presentation about Rho Chi to the incoming pharmacy students during their initial orientation. This year, our chapter has also been invited to attend a new event to be held in mid May entitled "PharmFest" involving a lunch gathering with the incoming students. The representation of Rho Chi within our college is expected to continue and grow in the incoming years.

Rho Chi Regional Meeting

Several of our members were able to attend the Region IV meeting that took place during APHA-ASP's mid year regional meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio. Our group actively participated in the discussions held, gathered ideas and information from other chapters and helped to launch several new programs within our own chapter.

Roland T. Lakey Lecture Award

In conjunction with faculty members, the chapter selected and awarded the Roland T. Lakey award to Dr. Laurence H. Hurley, B.Pharm, Ph.D. He is the Howard J. Schaeffer Chair in Pharmaceutical Sciences, College of Pharmacy, The University of Arizona, Tucson. Each year, our chapter honors an individual who has made a significant impact on the profession of pharmacy through research or other scholarly contributions in pharmacy practice or pharmaceutical sciences. Dr. Hurley's enormous contributions to the field of anti-tumor agents cannot be overstated and his scholarly research has led to the elucidation of several compounds that are potential sources of therapy in cancer treatment. The presentation was attended by approximately 150 faculty and students and was held in the auditorium of the Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. This has been a tradition of our chapter since 1963.

Financial/Budgeting:

The main expense for the Rho Chi Chapter this year was the Annual Initiation Banquet (\$1,400). The charge for the banquet was \$30.00 which covered the majority of the expenses (\$1,290). In addition, our chapter purchased the Rho Chi honor cords for each member (\$212.50). Throughout the year our chapter was able to raise \$520 through fundraising activities, which was sufficient to pay for the balance of the banquet, the honor cords, and the charitable contribution of \$300 as well as providing the upcoming members with a balance of approximately \$200.

Initiation Function:

The 2009 initiation ceremony for new members was held in conjunction with the annual Roland T. Lakey Lecture Award. The initiation dinner banquet was held on Wednesday April 15th, 2009 from 5:00 – 8:00PM at the Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in Detroit, Michigan. Our chapter inducted 19 new members into the Alpha Chi Chapter including 15 students and 4 faculty members.

Each year, our chapter awards the Roland T. Lakey award to an individual who has made a significant impact on the profession of pharmacy through research or other scholarly contributions in pharmacy practice or pharmaceutical sciences. This year's recipient was Dr. Laurence H. Hurley. He was born in Birmingham, England and received his B.Pharm with honors from Bath University and his Ph.D. in medicinal chemistry from Purdue University. Dr. Hurley's present research interests are in the areas of design and development of antitumor agents. Over the last twenty years, work from his laboratory has led to the elucidation of the structures of the drug-receptor complexes for seven different groups of compounds that are potentially useful in the treatment of cancer. In cooperation with the pharmaceutical industry, several drugs developed with the aid of these studies have been evaluated in phase I and II clinical trials.

Dr. Hurley has been a consultant to a number of pharmaceutical companies and is currently a Senior Editor for Journal of Medicinal Chemistry. He is now also a member of the NCI Scientific Board of Councilors. He is a recipient of the 1988 George Hitchings Award in Innovative Methods in Drug Design, the 1989 Volwiler Research Achievement Award from the American Association of College of Pharmacy. He is the recipient of the 1992 APhA Research Achievement Award in Medicinal Chemistry and the 1994 American Chemical Society Medicinal Chemistry Award. In 2005 he was awarded the George & Christine Sosnovsky Award in Cancer Therapy by the Royal Society of Chemistry, and in 2007 he was inducted into the American Chemical Society Medicinal Chemistry Hall of Fame. He is also the recipient of a number of lectureships, including the 2001 Frank Rose Memorial Lecture at the British Association for Cancer Research. In 1996 he was awarded a D.Sc. degree from Bath University. His presentation was entitled: "*Basic Science, Business and Cancer Patients: One faculty member's experience.*"

The initiation banquet was held immediately following the Lakey lecture and was attended by a total of 42 individuals, including Rho Chi initiates and their guests (family members, significant others and other students). In addition, the following faculty members attended the banquet:

Dr. Howard Normile, Interim Dean, Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences
Dr. George Corcoran, Professor and Chair of the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences
Dr. David Edwards, Professor and Chair of the Department of Pharmacy Practice
Professor Carol Stutrud, Director of Community Experiential Training
Dr. Richard Lucarotti, Professor of Pharmacy Practice
Dr. Paul Munzenberger, Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice
Professor Geralynn Smith, Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice
Dr. Victoria Tutag-Lehr, Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice
Dr. Mary Beth O'Connell, Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice
Dr. Lynette Moser, Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice
Dr. Maureen Smythe, Professor of Pharmacy Practice
Dr. Richard Slaughter, Professor and Assistant Dean of Accreditation and Assessment
Dr. David Thomas, Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences
Dr. Alope Dutta, Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences
Dr. Hanley Abramson, Associate Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences
Dr. Tom Taylor, Professor of Pharmacy Practice
Dr. Randall Commisaris, Associate Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences
Dr. Steven Firestine, Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences
Professor Paul Schiavi, Professor of Pharmacy Practice

Evaluation/Reflection:

Looking back at a year of excellence, there is no doubt that our chapter has efficiently accomplished the missions set out by Rho Chi. Rho Chi's role within the college exceeded all expectations as now almost all students and faculty, new and current, are aware of the Rho Chi Honors Society and its mission to strive for academic excellence and accomplishments. All of our members this year were active to some extent with the events put on by Rho Chi. Our chapter also involved many other individuals in our events including the Assistant Dean, several faculty members and sponsors of the F.A.W.N. organization. We received excellent feedback from our newly initiated journal club from both students and the faculty involved. Overall, our chapter has worked diligently and effectively to help achieve the aims and honors of the Rho Chi Society. We expect that new additions to our chapter which include the newly implemented Journal Club, more active fundraising, charitable contributions and greater college representation will continue to be expanded on by our new members. In terms of the future direction, we encourage our new members to continue becoming actively involved within our community and college through conducting social events hosted by Rho Chi, participating in community health fairs and volunteering at local libraries to help youth through their academic pursuits.

Significant Improvements:

Our chapter has come a long way from some of our previous years. We have successfully implemented a school wide journal club where Rho Chi students working closely with faculty have been able to showcase their skills academically and spread their knowledge to other student pharmacists. As well, this was the first year our chapter raised enough money to help make a generous charitable contribution to an organization dedicated to helping the AIDS victims in Africa. Our chapter's continuous involvement within the college through the Mentorship

Program, assisting with Pharm.D interviews, expanded tutoring for all courses and greater fundraising events has led us to gain significant recognition within the college. As well, many of our members this year attended the Regional meeting and shared their ideas and insight with other Rho Chi members.

Respectfully submitted,

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