Annual Chapter Report

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Number of Rho Chi student members at college or school, listed by class year and program:

2019: 30 Kansas City members

3 Springfield

1 Columbia

2018: 19 Kansas City members

8 Columbia members

9 Springfield members

2017: 18 Kansas City Members

6 Columbia Members

**Meetings**: **Kansas City-A; Columbia-B; Springfield-C**

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| Date | Attendance | Agenda | Action Steps |
| 09.28.2016 | Executive Meeting  A-3 members present  B- 3 members present  C- 3 members present | * Discuss informational meeting * Make Clinical Pearl Sign-up sheet * Set up agenda for the upcoming semester | * Book rooms for general meeting * Inquire date for informational meeting with Pre-Pharmacy society |
| 10.20.2016 | General Meeting  A-19 members present  B-5 members present  C- 6 members present | * Provide information on the agenda for the semester * Discuss having an informational mentoring program with the pre-pharmacy society * Gather ideas about possible events and opportunities for the society in the semester | * Present different opportunities for Rho Chi members to get involved (Clinical Pearls, Pre-pharmacy society mentoring, General Medicine I Roundtable) * Review the goals of Rho Chi * Review budget for discussed ideas for future Rho Chi events |
| 02.16.2017 | General Medicine I Roundtable  A-10 members present;  26 students present  B- 15 students present; 5 members present  C- 30 students present; 5 members present | * Give an overview of each GM I site * Answer student’s questions regarding the process of site selection * Promote leadership within Rho Chi | * Give an overview of each site * Answer any questions students may have * Review the prioritization of each site |
| 3.16.2017 | First Year Recognition  A- 12 recipients, 4 members, 1 advisor  B- 3 recipients, 1 member present, 1 advisor  C- 7 recipients present; 3 members present | * Recognize first year students with exceptional academic achievement * 7 Springfield, 3 Columbia, 12 Kansas City | * Recognize Students * Review the goals and mission of Rho Chi and how to become a member |
| 04.23.2017 | Initiation  92 people in attendance  A- 27 new members present  C- 2 new members present | The Rho Chi Society Alpha Omega chapter new member initiation ceremony | * Initiate new members from the class of 2019 |
| 04.27.2017 | Elections  43 members voted | Election of new officers for the 2017-2018 years | * Elect new officers for the upcoming academic year * Set up exec transition meeting |

**Strategic Planning**: What goals were set that relate to the Rho Chi mission?

Goals the chapter had set are as follows:

1. Encourage intellectual achievement.
   1. The Rho Chi Academic Achievement Ceremony recognized 22 people in the Pharm.D. Class of 2020 for maintaining a 4.0 GPA after completion of their first semester of pharmacy school
   2. The annual Rho Chi Initiation Ceremony recognizes academic achievement
   3. Two awards were given during the initiation ceremony: Student of the Year and Faculty of the Year
2. Encourage critical inquiry to advance pharmacy.
   1. Continued the Rho Chi Clinical Pearls project
3. Contribute to the development of intellectual leaders.
   1. Students who contribute to the Clinical Pearls Project could develop as intellectual leaders
4. Promote high ethical standards.
   1. To be accepted into Rho Chi, a person much have academic honesty
5. Foster collaboration.
   1. Academic Achievement Ceremony allowed P3 and P1 students to discuss coursework, IPPEs, and APPEs
   2. General Medicine I Roundtable allowed the P3 students to discuss their longitudinal IPPE experiences with the P2 students
   3. Collaboration between Kansas City and its satellite campuses in Columbia, and Springfield MO
   4. Our Peer Mentor Program allows P3 students to give advice and help tutor P2 and P1 students

**Activities**:

*Lunch on the Lawn – Ongoing: 8 years*

*(*Kansas City Campus)

The Alpha Omega chapter began its academic year participating in the Lunch on the Lawn during the New Pharm.D. Student Orientation. We used a brand new display board to spread the word about Rho Chi and what our plans were for the following year.

*Rho Chi Informational Meeting – Ongoing: 8 years*

(Kansas City, Columbia, and Springfield Campus)

The Alpha Omega chapter hosted an informational meeting for underclassmen. The president and the vice president gave a brief overview describing Rho Chi, planned activities and projects throughout the year, and eligibility requirements for membership. The chapter members then opened the floor for questions and the Rho Chi members mingled amongst the underclassmen, answering their questions. Rho Chi members offered advice and tips to succeed in pharmacy school as well as answered questions about coursework and activities. We also had Dr. Andrew Smith give a brief talk on being successful in pharmacy school and in your career.

*Clinical Pearls –Ongoing: 4 years*

(Kansas City & Columbia Campus)

The Alpha Omega chapter continued a project this year titled Rho Chi Clinical Pearls. This allows for members of Rho Chi to write five or more clinical pearls on a specific clinical topic. These pearls are published monthly in the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Pharmacy’s newsletter, *The Script*. Rho Chi members are encouraged to analyze guidelines, clinical trials, discuss pharmacology, pathophysiology, and present this information in a way that any pharmacy student will be able to understand it. Oftentimes, the clinical topics discussed go hand-in-hand with certain Awareness Months. For example, cardiovascular clinical pearls were written for February, American Heart Month. The Rho Chi Clinical Pearls were also published through ASP’s Twitter account (@UMKCatKC\_ASP) and Facebook Page. The new executive committee plans on continuing this tradition.

*General Medicine I Rotation Roundtable – Ongoing: 7 years*

(Kansas City & Columbia Campus)

The Alpha Omega chapter once again hosted their annual General Medicine I rotation roundtable for P2 students. P3 students have a longitudinal IPPE with one faculty member at various practice sites around the Kansas City and Columbia area. The roundtable gives P3 students the opportunity to discuss a typical day at their site, common disease states seen, their respective patient populations, and what is expected of them on their rotation. As each student spoke, their contact information and their respective preceptor was shown on a PowerPoint slide. A brief question and answer session was held after the conclusion of the presentation. The P2 students expressed that this roundtable was very helpful in deciding which faculty member to choose for their longitudinal rotation. This was the event’s sixth year. The new executive committee plans on continuing the tradition.

*Volunteer Activities – Ongoing: 8 years*

Rho Chi did not have a specific volunteer event this year. However, many Rho Chi members have been involved in various community service events throughout the year. This gives members a chance to work with students in other organizations to foster collaboration. Some examples include health fairs and flu shot clinics.

*Academic Achievement Ceremony – Ongoing: 8 years*

(Kansas City, Columbia, & Springfield Campus)

The Alpha Omega chapter held a reception to recognize the highest academic achievers of the P1 students. These students received a 4.0 GPA after successful completion of the first semester of pharmacy school. The president gave a short presentation about Rho Chi, including requirements and activities of the chapter. The officers were present to answer any questions about future coursework, General Medicine I, and the job application process. The officers encouraged the P1 students to keep up their outstanding academic achievements. The P1 students were presented with a certificate to acknowledge their achievement. It is the intention of the new executive committee to continue this event.

**Financial/ Budgeting**:

The 2016-2017 Rho Chi budget for the chapter was determined based on activities in past years and new initiatives planned by new officers. This year the chapter requested funds from both the UMKC Student Government Association. The Student Government Association allocates funds to student organizations based on their needs and available funds.

Guests who wanted to attend initiation were charged a small fee to help cover the cost of catering. The major costs for the year included food and drinks for the initiation ceremony, cake for the informational social, the academic achievement ceremony, and certificates of achievement. Two plaques were purchased to honor the Student of the Year and the Faculty of the Year.

**Initiation Function**:

The Alpha Omega chapter of Rho Chi held one initiation ceremony this year. It took place on Saturday, April 23, 2017 and was held at the UMKC Student Union. The ceremony started with opening remarks from Rho Chi President, followed by our guest speaker, Dr. Elizabeth Englin. The faculty of the year, Dr. Kylie Barnes, and senior student of the year, Elizabeth Rodman, were present to accept their awards and make a few remarks. Dr. Barnes was also inducted into to Rho Chi based on the vote of Rho Chi members. This was followed by the initiation of the new members. Friends and family of the new initiates were also present.

**Evaluation/Reflection**:

The Alpha Omega chapter has made improvements to stay involved in the School of Pharmacy while still continuing to recognize academic excellence among students. The chapter once again held a small ceremony to recognize academic achievement of the P1 students with a 4.0 GPA. The chapter started the Rho Chi Clinical Pearls, which contributes to the development of intellectual leaders. Students who wrote the pearls and were published in *The Script* were encouraged to advance pharmacy for both themselves and the student body. The General Medicine I Roundtable was very successful in its seventh year and helped foster collaboration between P2 and P3 students. The Rho Chi study mentor program helped P3 students develop leadership and teaching skills as well as reach out to assist P1 students.

One area for improvement for the Alpha Omega chapter would be to continue to find ways to involve all of the Rho Chi members in activities throughout the year. We also need to work on spreading the word of our mentor services to help guide P1 students through their first year of classes.

**Appendix 1**

**Chapter Activities Report Template**

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| [Chapter Name, School Name] Activity Table | | | | | | | |  |
| Category of Activity1 | Title of Activity | Brief Description2 | How Does This Activity Align With the Rho Chi Mission Statement? | Years the Activity has Been Ongoing? | If Activity has Been Ongoing for >1 Year, What Evaluations Have Been Done to Assess the Success of the Activity and What Improvements Have Been Done Over the Past Year? | How Many Members Participated in the Activity? | How Many Students (non-members) and/or Patients were impacted by the Activity? | Financial Information for the Activity [Budget Required, Fundraising Amount] |
| Intellectual Leadership Activities (i.e., tutoring, sponsored lectures, poster sessions, etc.) | Clinical Pearls | We published small bits of clinical information in the school paper. | It helps us as members to become intellectual leaders. It also stimulates intellectual inquiry for advancement in pharmacy. | This was the third year. | We evaluated its importance and impact at our first executive meeting.  We determined we should keep the clinical pearls project and continue to work on it. | 9 | All students of UMKC School of Pharmacy | None Required |
| College of Pharmacy Events [non-academic, non-patient outreach] | General Medicine I Roundtable | We gave a brief overview for P2 students of all GM I sites. | This fostered collaboration between P3 and P2 students. | This was the eighth year. | We asked the P2 students if they thought it was helpful after they attended and decided to continue it. | 25 | 72 pharmacy year two students |  |
| Patient Outreach Events/ Community Service | N/A |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fundraising Events | N/A |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Appendix 2

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| **ITEM** | **Amount Debited ($$ spent)** | **Amount Credited ($$ raised)** | **Balance** | **Comment** |
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| **Balance forward** |  | **$497.47** | **$497.47** | **Balance from last year** |
| **Organization funding from UMKC (all)** |  | **$250** | **$747.47** |  |
| **Cake, Refreshments and snacks for P1 academic achievement recognition (KC)** | **$60** |  | **$687.47** |  |
| **Cake for P1 academic achievement recognition (Springfield)** | **$30** |  | **$657.47** |  |
| **Envelopes and Recognition Certificates** | **$20.00** |  | **$637.47** |  |
| **Paying guests at initiation ceremony (all)** |  | **$636** | **$1273.47** |  |
| **School Lunch Catering with cake for initiation (all)** | **$917** |  | **$356.47** | **92 guests in attendance** |
| **Award plaques for student and teacher of the year (all)** | **$54.00** |  | **$302.47** |  |
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