

## Annual Chapter Report Outline

Please complete your Annual Chapter Report and submit to the National Office by May 15.

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**Introduction**

This year, Purdue's Alpha Zeta Chapter had two main goals we strived to achieve. First, we wanted to continue all of the great projects and events previous member classes had initiated over the years. We had a vision of continuing and improving these activities. Second, we wanted to focus on developing our members as intellectual leaders from the Rho Chi Society's mission statement. We did this by continuing opportunities for our members to support the academic success of our fellow professional students, and also by creating new opportunities that allowed our members to develop stronger connections amongst each other, as well as with other student leaders and faculty in the College of Pharmacy.

Not only did our chapter focus on intellectual leadership, we instilled all parts of the Rho Chi Society mission statement into our yearly activities. Planning began in the summer of 2017 where majority of our work was focused around organizing our annual silent auction. This year, we were able to raise over \$2000 in pharmacy student scholarships. This, along with our A.C.E.S. tutoring sessions and the newly developed College of Pharmacy tutoring directory, encouraged and recognized intellectual achievement among Purdue professional pharmacy students. As mentioned earlier, we created new initiatives that helped our members develop a stronger network with peers, faculty and alumni, which helped to stimulate critical inquiry to advance pharmacy and our community. In order to foster collaboration, we created a new initiative "What we wish we would have known: An Introduction to Purdue Pharmacy 2018" for incoming P1 students, hosted with Phi Lambda Sigma. In addition, we held member-bonding events multiple times throughout the year and continued fundraising for our Kenya charity partnership.

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Personally, I am extremely proud at what our chapter and individual members were able to accomplish this year. We contributed positively to the college, profession of pharmacy and our community. Our members are not only able to maintain high scholastic achievements, but they are highly involved in advancing our profession and training to become successful pharmacists.

**Meetings** Please provide information on meetings held in the following tabular format

Date	Attendance	Agenda	Action Steps
2017-09-12	Officers, members, and chapter advisors	Establish this year's theme: Connections; Crazy Job Interview Activity; Silent Auction Reflection; Announce ACES Tutoring Dates and Kenya Items Sales Dates; Introduce new initiatives: Rho Chi Retreat, Faculty Brunches, and Fundraising Concessions	General members to sign up to lead an A.C.E.S tutoring session: 9/18, 10/02, 11/1; Sign up for first faculty brunch 9/25 Sell Kenya pins and ornaments during Homecoming events 11/22-23; Will continue to plan further faculty brunches and Kenya sales
2017-10-04	Officers, members, chapter advisors, and representatives from the Center for Career Opportunities	Rho Chi Retreat Reflection; Announce Faculty Brunch Dates; Announce Fundraising Concessions 11/4; Purdue Center for Career Opportunities presentation: "Networking: Know Who You Know"; Announce next meeting's theme: Intercultural Empathy with potluck on 11/1	General members to sign up to participate in faculty brunches 10/12, 10/16, 10/19, 10/23, 11/2, 11/3, 11/6; Sign up for food to prepare for potluck 11/1; Sign up for volunteering at concessions and Kenya item sale at Scholarship Brunch 10/28
2017-11-01	Officers, members, chapter advisors, and representatives from CLIMAR	Purdue Center for Intercultural Learning, Mentorship, Assessment, and Research (CILMAR) presentation: "Multicultural Communication"; Announce Faculty Brunch Dates Reminder for Fundraising Concessions 11/4; Announce next Kenya Items Sales Date; Announce next meeting: social for decorating a Christmas Tree for the APhA-ASP Silent Auction for the Arthritis Foundation	General members to sign up to participate in faculty brunches 11/10, 11/13, 11/14, 11/16, 11/27, 12/5; Volunteer at football concessions 11/4
2018-02-08	Officers, members, chapter advisors, new	With the current members (P3): Review Induction Ceremony logistics; Announce Faculty Brunch	General members to sign up to lead an A.C.E.S tutoring sessions for P1s: 2/28,

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inductees (P2), and recipients of the Rho Chi Honor Certificate (P1)

Dates; Announce ACES Tutoring Dates and Kenya Items Sales Dates; Announce tutoring opportunities for the College of Pharmacy; Announce Bruno's Pizza Social. With current members (P3), new inductees (P2), and recipients of the Rho Chi Honor Certificate (P1): "Our Commonalities" Introduction Activity between all attendees; Introduction to Rho Chi activities; Opportunities for involvement in Rho Chi

4/5 and for P2s: 2/8, 2/27, 3/27, 4/10; Sign up for faculty brunches 2/23, 3/20; Sell Kenya pins and ornaments during College of Pharmacy events 2/23, 2/24

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

As mentioned in our introduction, the Alpha Zeta chapter focused heavily on fulfilling the Rho Chi Society mission in its entirety. There were three goals set that relate to the Rho Chi mission. The first was to impact the academic success of the first and second year professional students through the ACES tutoring sessions. The second goal was to develop stronger connections among Rho Chi members, as well as with other student leaders and faculty in the College of Pharmacy. The last goal was to instill professional ethics through initiatives that gave back to the greater community, such as through raising money for student scholarships and the Tumaini Children's Drop In Center in Kenya. Year after year our members show integrity, empathy and promote high ethical standards. These events and more will be highlighted in further detail in the activities section of this report.

**Activities**

Ongoing initiatives:

Annual Rho Chi Silent Auction

Each year Rho Chi hosts the Annual Silent Auction at the Pharmacy First Nighter, which occurs during the first or second week of the fall semester to foster networking and introduce students to the clubs available within the college. The Rho Chi Silent Auction is unique in that the items that are auctioned off are events or objects donated by the Purdue College of Pharmacy faculty. These events allow all pharmacy students the opportunity to meet pharmacy faculty on a more personal level. This opens a door for students and faculty to build relationships in a way not really offered through any other organization or class. Examples of some of our most popular events include: a boating trip with 2 professors, a round of golf with a professor and the Dean of the College of Pharmacy, a

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spa day with 4 professors, and a dinner with a professor and the Purdue Pharmacy Alumni Board. Students bid on these items and all of the money raised goes toward funding student scholarships. Planning of this event begins in the summer, where all faculty and staff receive a personalized email asking for donations and their participation in this event. Our members advertised for the auction by making announcements in classes and posting flyers on social media. As a result of our efforts, and the enthusiasm of the students and faculty, we were able to raise over \$2000.

### **Kenya Partnership – Tumaini Foundation – Pin and Ornament Sales**

In 2012, the members of the Alpha Zeta chapter partnered with the Kenya rotation and residency program to benefit the Tumaini Foundation. This foundation was founded in part by the Department of Pharmacy Practice Faculty at Purdue in order to raise funds to help support “street children.” These children are without food, shelter, or clothing and have been abandoned by their families. The Tumaini Foundation mission is to improve the lives of street children in Eldoret, Kenya by empowering them with hope, knowledge, skills, opportunities and resources necessary for them to find a healthy alternative to street living. Purdue pharmacy rotation students in Kenya developed hand beaded pharmacy pins made by Kenyan children with the Purdue mortar and pestle logo. This has expanded to other hand beaded bracelets and safari animal ornaments. Our partnership translated into us trying to market and sell these pins in order to raise funds for the Tumaini Foundation. Rho Chi attended homecoming events, the pharmacy donor’s brunch and various other College of Pharmacy events hosted by other organizations, such as PSSHP (Purdue Student Society of Health-System Pharmacists) and APhA-ASP (American Pharmacists Association – Academy of Student Pharmacists). Rho Chi raised more than \$500 for the foundation this year. To date, we have raised over \$4000, which equates to providing education for 40 children in Kenya for one year. This has been a great partnership and we are happy to continue it.

### **Assisting Classmates to Elevate Success (A.C.E.S.) Tutoring Program**

This has become one of the most well known events Rho Chi provides to the College of Pharmacy. The idea was introduced in 2012 and has now expanded to first and second year professional students in the Principles of Pharmacotherapy courses. This has become a great use of our academic skill set to create study guides, reveal test-taking strategies and hold review sessions before Pharmacotherapy exams. Our members sign up at the beginning of the semester for at least one review session and the topic of their choice. The session is held a few days prior to the exam and gives a great overview of course material and allows students to ask specific questions. We reserve classrooms at the beginning of the semester for these events and advertise on social media and in the classroom. We also provide students with study materials that are used during the session.

The A.C.E.S. program underwent significant revision during the 2016-2017 school year. Prior to 2016, A.C.E.S. review sessions consisted of a targeted review of the study guide prepared by Rho Chi members. In 2016, A.C.E.S. transitioned to a patient case

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discussion format, which allows the students to interact with the material. This year, A.C.E.S. continued the case-based discussion format, and allowed Rho Chi members to volunteer at the review sessions instead of just being led by the co-chairs. Having more volunteers created an environment where 6-8 students could engage in a small-group discussion with Rho Chi members. The A.C.E.S. co-chairs provided an answer key for the cases so that all groups were receiving consistent information. We held a total of nine A.C.E.S. sessions this year, with attendance of about thirty to fifty students at each session. A.C.E.S. increases the academic success of other pharmacy students while giving our members teaching experience.

### Rho Chi 2018-2019 Elections

We held our elections for the 2018-2019 year on April 23rd. All new members were able to run for whatever position they were interested in and candidates gave a one minute speech stating why they are interested, how they are qualified and any ideas they have for the position. Members anonymously voted for their preferred candidate. Officer transitions were held the following week, where officers in their respective positions met privately to thoroughly examine the duties of the position, give advice for the future, and answer any questions the new officer may have.

### Dr. Aziz Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award

Our group was selected by the Dean of the College of Pharmacy to choose the candidates nominated for the Dr. Aziz Outstanding Teacher Award. The officers reviewed all of the nominations submitted by students and chose three professors for the final ballot.

### Christmas Tree Auction with APhA-ASP

The Purdue chapter of American Pharmacists Association – Academy of Student Pharmacists, or APhA-ASP, holds a Christmas tree auction every December to raise money for the Arthritis Foundation. We participated in this event again this year, and made the decorating event more social to help the members get to know each other in the process. Rho Chi members painted their own ornaments and chatted about why they chose to paint their ornaments in a certain way. Our tree is one of the top selling trees in the auction each year and we are happy to continue to do this.

### New Initiatives:

#### Rho Chi Faculty Brunches

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In order to further facilitate the creation of connections between students and faculty, we started a new initiative for Rho Chi students to be able to sign up for brunch with faculty members. Although this was a new initiative, there was an overwhelmingly positive response to these brunches, and we organized sixteen of them throughout the course of the year with all different professors from various different areas of pharmacy. Students highly enjoyed the opportunities to get to know faculty members outside of the classroom in a casual setting, asking a wide variety of questions, and the faculty also gave positive feedback about how they enjoyed spending time with the students as well.

### **Introduction to Rho Chi Meeting**

We hosted an introduction meeting to provide our new inductees and honor certificate awardees with more information about Rho Chi and start building connections between our new and our current members early. During the meeting, we had a icebreaker activity where students had to find commonalities with other people in their table groups. Then, we not only introduced the mission and goals of Rho Chi, we also provided information on our activities as an organization and the available opportunities for involvement, so that younger students can get started early on thinking about how they could make the most of being a Rho Chi member. This event was planned in order to encourage increased involvement and excitement for being in Rho Chi.

### **What we wish we would have known: An Introduction to Purdue Pharmacy 2018**

This exciting new event was an introduction to the College of Pharmacy for incoming P1 students that we hosted in conjunction with Phi Lambda Sigma (PLS), the Pharmacy Leadership Society. Through this event, Rho Chi and PLS members collaborated to create workshops for the incoming P1 students to attend. Each workshop was run by two Rho Chi and two PLS members, who collaborated in order to lead workshop discussions. These workshops were casual, discussion-based educational sessions that centered around topics such as study tips, identifying and building relationships with faculty mentors, time management, self-care, and more. We were excited to have the overwhelming support of the College of Pharmacy Admissions Committee, who then allowed us to advertise directly to the students by including information about our event in their Purdue Pharmacy acceptance letter. Our members and the PLS members highly enjoyed having this opportunity to work together and be able to pass down some of the things we wish we knew as incoming P1 students to help the new students be better prepared to start their Purdue pharmacy journey. Around 40 incoming P1 students attended the event, and results from the survey we sent to them after the event demonstrated an overwhelmingly positive response. The students loved learning about our experiences and several students who came from out of state or traveled greater distances to attend the event also expressed appreciation and support for the event.

### **Outstanding Early Career Award Lecture for a distinguished young alumnus**

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This event is something we have planned for the Spring of 2019. Although the event itself has not occurred, we have laid the groundwork for it this year and set it into place with the College of Pharmacy so that Rho Chi can be responsible for successfully executing it next year and in years to come. Through this event, Rho Chi officers of the 2018-2019 school year will have the honor of welcoming the first recipient of the new Outstanding Early Career Award when s/he comes to campus to be recognized. The awardee will be recognized on April 4th-5th of 2019, and the Rho Chi officers will organize for the award recipient to present a lecture for P1s-P3s as part of their award. Furthermore, Rho Chi members will have the privilege to eat lunch with the recipient following the lecture. Next year will be the first year the College of Pharmacy is awarding this award, and we hope that in the future, Rho Chi will have a secured place in taking part in the award recipient's lecture and lunch, so that our members will have the excellent opportunity to get to know the distinguished young alumnus and learn from them in a private, small group setting.

### **College of Pharmacy Tutoring Directory**

This year, the Office of Student Services within the College of Pharmacy reached out to Rho Chi to organize a directory of students who would be willing to be contacted by younger students who are seeking tutoring for courses within the pre-pharmacy or pharmacy curriculum. By doing so, our chapter of Rho Chi is fulfilling its mission of encouraging intellectual achievement and contributing to the development of intellectual leaders all across the College of Pharmacy. We have been happy to help our fellow pharmacy students, and provide connections between students.

### **Guest Speakers at meetings**

We were lucky to have a record high number of four interesting and unique speakers at our group meetings, all of which were new for this year. We had the Center for Career Opportunities presentation: "Networking: Know Who You Know", Purdue Center for Intercultural Learning, Mentorship, Assessment, and Research (CILMAR) presentation: "Multicultural Communication", The Division of Financial Aid presentation: "Loan Repayment for PharmDs", and finally a presentation by Candice Lange, director of the Jane Brock-Wilson Women in Management Center in the Krannert School (Purdue College of Pharmacy and Rho Chi alumna): "Leadership and Advocacy in the Workforce". All of these presentations gave great advice for the future for our members and I know our members appreciated it!

### **Member Bonding Activities**

The Alpha Zeta chapter promotes fellowship amongst its members. Every year we plan fun, stress-free events to build relationships outside of the classroom. In the fall semester, we organized a new initiative we titled "Rho Chi Retreat", where members participated in a Low Challenge Course, completing outdoor team-building activities together. We had a great time getting closer, both figuratively

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and literally, and completed activities such as working together to transport all of our members from one side of a “lava” pit to another using only 2 wooden planks. We also held a cultural potluck during our meeting that was focused on Intercultural Empathy, where members shared food and stories about their culture, and we also fundraised through volunteering at football concessions for the first time, as well as hosted an end of the Fall semester dinner. In the spring semester, we held our annual Bruno’s pizza night as a social so both current and new members could participate. We invited our new members so that they could start networking with our current members, even before the induction ceremony. All students eat and chat in a stress-free setting. New members are able to ask current members for advice. We hoped to include the new members as early as possible to encourage them to get involved and Rho Chi and so they would have more time to learn more about the organization. Not only did we have a great time at these socials, the officers also received great feedback from the members about what they wanted to accomplish throughout the year.

**Financial Budgeting**

Budgeting was based on previous years’ expenditures and discussions with the previous officers. The current executive board, along with the advisors, consulted and approved the expenses for the current academic year. All transactions were handled through the Purdue Business Office for Student Organizations, which ensures the appropriate use of student organization funds. Activities were primarily funded through one-time local membership dues. The club also earned money by working at the concession stand of Purdue Athletics events—something that doubled as a team bonding activity. We acknowledge that our budget has a deficit but we decided to use the club’s reserves in order to create more activities for our members. We are comfortably leaving the next class with over \$2,500 in reserves.

Expenses

Rho Chi Retreat – Low Challenge Course

\$123.50

Club T-Shirts

\$330.68

Faculty member brunches

\$95.41

Food/materials member meetings and socials

\$1260.09

Initiation Ceremony Expense (estimate)

\$2500.00

2017-2018 Composite Photo (estimate)

\$500.00

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Total Expenses  
\$4809.68

Income

Membership Dues

\$3090.00

Concession Stand Work

\$200.00

Initiation Ceremony Guest Payments

\$1292.50

Total Income

\$4582.50

Net

-\$227.18

Not-included: National dues (30 new members)

\$1950.00

**Installation Function**

Initiation was held in the Purdue Memorial Union Ballroom on Sunday, April 8th from 11am-1pm as a brunch reception. Attendees included P1 students receiving honor certificates, P2 students being inducted into Rho Chi, P3 students receiving Achievement Awards (4.0 GPA), Rho Chi officers, students' guests (family & friends), the Dean of the College of Pharmacy, and faculty members. A total of 128 people attended the event. The speaker was a clinical faculty member, Dr. Zachary Weber, who spoke in regards to career opportunities in academia. Zach Weber, PharmD, BCPS, BCACP, CDE is the Director of Interprofessional Education and Clinical Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice for Purdue University College of Pharmacy, an Adjunct Assistant Professor of Medicine for Indiana University School of Medicine, and an Ambulatory Care Clinical Pharmacy Specialist for Eskenazi Health in Indianapolis, IN.

**Evaluation/Reflection**

Overall, the events we participated in this year aligned with the ideals of Rho Chi Society. We continued many of the past events previous members implemented but also further built relationships with one another, and with faculty and other pharmacy

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organizations within the College. I believe we were extremely successful in completing the entirety of the Rho Chi mission. This year, we were able to leave an impact on a greater student base and increase awareness of Rho Chi. Specifically, we were thrilled that we were able to raise over \$2,000 for student scholarships, through the Annual Rho Chi Silent Auction. We hope that efforts to increase advertisement and expansion of the amount of faculty experiences to bid on will continue to be pursued in the future. We are proud to have continued our Kenya partnership to raise over \$500 for the Tumaini foundation. In the future, another area of improvement would be to continue expanding the Kenya sales. Suggestions for expansion include targeting students outside of the College of Pharmacy, and also collaborating with even more student organizations, like we did this year, in order to sell Kenya items at even more events, especially those that alumni attend. We also started the College of Pharmacy tutoring directory and continued the expansion of our A.C.E.S. tutoring program to first and second year professional students in pharmacotherapy courses. We had a great turnout at each A.C.E.S. session, with around 80 students attending our most successful session, and received constructive feedback from students! We are proud of establishing new initiatives, such as our 16 faculty brunches, each with about 5-6 students in attendance, and our Rho Chi retreat, which about 25 members attended. Also, our new “What we wish we would have known” event was highly successful, with 15 Rho Chi members working with Phi Lambda Sigma members to run workshops together to introduce the incoming P1 class to the College of Pharmacy. One thing we could improve upon is to increase advertising for this event to the incoming P1 students, so that even more than 40 students can attend and benefit from this event in the future. We also look forward to seeing the successful implementation of the Outstanding Early Career Award Lecture next year. I believe our chapter has a great reputation within the Purdue College of Pharmacy and we continue to positively contribute to the pharmacy profession. One suggestion I will make to the upcoming officers are to re-implement professional presentations by outside pharmacists, making them available to all pharmacy students. These presentations provide valuable information regarding pharmacy practice, from which all students could benefit. Overall, I am extremely proud of what our chapter has accomplished this year and look forward to what the new members will contribute next year.

**Other Information**

Please see our Most Improved Chapter Award Form.

**Appendix 1**

**Chapter Activities Report Template**

[Alpha Zeta, Purdue University] Activity Table								
Category	Title	Description	Aligns with Mission?	Years Ongoing	Evaluations and Improvements	Members Participated	Non-members Impacted	Financial Information
Intellectual Leadership Activities (i.e., tutoring, etc.)	Assisting Classmates to Enhance Success (ACES)	An interactive tutoring program P1s and P2s.	Contributes to the development of intellectual leaders, providing interactive teaching experience to Rho Chi members	9 years	Allowed Rho Chi members to volunteer to lead case-based, small-group discussions. This year, we also conducted a survey of the attendees to gather feedback	12 members	ACES review sessions are open to all first and second year professional students. On average, 35 P2s and 70 P1s attended each review session.	Cost of printing handouts for the students \$28
	College of Pharmacy Tutoring Directory	Organized a directory of students tutors within the pharmacy curriculum.	Encourages intellectual achievement and contributes to the development of intellectual leaders. Provides academic support to younger students	0 - first year	We hope to expand on this next year by increasing advertising for the directory	10 members have signed up to be on the tutoring directory	So far, 3 pharmacy students have used the directory to seek out tutors.	N/A
College of Pharmacy Events [non-academic, non-patient outreach]	What we wish we would have known	Collaborated with Phi Lambda Sigma to host workshops for incoming P1 students	Recognizes intellectual achievement by members serving as mentors. Fosters collaboration, working with PLS members	0 - first year	Feedback surveys to both attendees and Rho Chi members who ran the workshops were given to help improve the event for next year	15 members	40 incoming P1 students	Cost of \$82.41 for pizza

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	Rho Chi Faculty Brunches	Members signed up for brunch with faculty members outside of the classroom.	Stimulates critical inquiry because members asked various questions to learn from and get to know faculty members.	0 - first year	Extremely positive feedback was received throughout the year. We organized brunches to include faculty requested by members	An average of 5-6 students attended each of the 16 brunches	0	A total cost of \$95.41 was used to pay for each of the faculty members' brunches.
	Introduction to Rho Chi Meeting	Provide new inductees and honor certificate awardees with more information about Rho Chi.	Encourages and recognizes intellectual achievement by building connections with new inductees and other high-achieving students who are likely to be invited to join Rho Chi in the future	0 - first year	Positive feedback was received from the attendees of the event, which encouraged increased involvement and excitement for being in Rho Chi	14 members	25 P1 (honor certificate awardees) and P2 (new inductees) students attended.	Cost of \$238.61 for food
	Outstanding Early Career Award Lecture for a distinguished alumnus	Rho Chi will have the honor of organizing for the award recipient to present a lecture for P1s-P3s.	Contributes to the development of intellectual leaders by allowing members to network with and learn from inspiring alumni.	0 - first year	N/A	We anticipate around 10 members will eat lunch with the recipient following the lecture.	All students in the College of Pharmacy will be welcome to attend the awardee's lecture.	Anticipated cost of \$20 to cover the lunch of the awardee.
Patient Outreach Events/ Community Service	Kenya Partnership – Tumaini Foundation	Selling pins and ornaments made by children in Kenya. 100% of profits go	Promotes highest ethical standards and fosters collaboration, by raising funds for a charity and selling at events hosted by other organizations.	6 years	This year, we widened the reach of our sale by collaborating with more student organizations to sell at various other College of Pharmacy	Around 10 members volunteered throughout the year at various sales.	Many children in Kenya have benefitted from the funds we raise.	We raised over \$500 for the children this year, and we have raised \$4,000 since the start of this program in 2012.

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		towards funding the children's education.			events hosted by other organizations.			
	Christmas Tree Auction with APhA-ASP	Part of APhA-ASP's fundraiser for the Arthritis Foundation.	Fosters collaboration for members to work together and help another organization.	3 years	This year, we used the tree decorating to help Rho Chi members get to know one another in a social event.	10 members	The Arthritis Foundation has benefitted from the funds raised through this auction.	Cost of \$25 to buy the tree and \$25 to buy the materials for decorating the tree.
Fundraising Events	Concession Stand Volunteering	We worked at the concessions during a Purdue football game. We helped to prepare food and beverages.	Fosters collaboration among our members and contributes to the development of intellectual leaders. Through our fundraising efforts, we can provide scholarships to students.	0 - first year	N/A	6 members	The money we fundraised benefit our entire Rho Chi Chapter.	Raised \$200 from the concession stand volunteering.