

## Annual Chapter Report Outline

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

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**Name of School/College:** Long Island University

**Chapter Name & region:** Beta Theta Chapter, Region 1

**Delegate who attended the Rho Chi Annual Meeting:** Jessica Soffer

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## Introduction

This annual chapter report includes meetings, activities, induction ceremony information, and financials for the chapter for the 2017-2018 academic year.

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

Date	Attendance	Agenda	Action Steps
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2017-10-04	All officers and chapter advisor	Peer tutoring setup, pharmacy club fair, professional development programs, Rho Chi 2018 induction ceremony	*Peer tutoring is scheduled for Tuesdays from 5-6 pm and additionally by appointment outside of set times. Officers staffed a table at the club fair on 09/14/17 to inform students about the Rho Chi Society and distribute flyers to pharmacy students. We also sent out an email to all members of the PharmD program to inform them of tutoring times. *The first Professional Development Program is scheduled for 10/10/17 with guest speakers from the LIU class of 2018, Dean Gennaro and Matthew Soffer, discussing APPEs in the pharmaceutical industry (FDA, Bayer, Novo Nordisk, Celgene, and Johnson & Johnson). *Members of the board voted to induct Dr. Rebecca Cope as a co-advisor to the club. *Discussion of the Rho Chi 2018 induction ceremony: 03/22/18 is suggested as a possible date due to availability of our potential keynote speaker, Dr. Edward Fisher, Dean of the College of Pharmacy at Ketchum University.
2017-11-07	All officers and chapter advisors	Professional Development Program, meeting a new advisor, discussion of planning the induction ceremony	*Rho Chi officers met Dr. Rebecca Cope, new co-advisor of the club. *The second Professional Development Program was arranged for 11/21/17 with speaker Dr. Bupendrah Shah, from Long Island University, discussing successful interviewing tactics.
2017-11-29	All officers and chapter advisors	Division of duties for Rho Chi induction ceremony	*Discussion of initiation ritual for induction ceremony *Division of duties in regards to planning the induction ceremony *Planning of meeting of new inductees in the first week of March to review induction ceremony and appoint new officers *Peer tutoring for the Spring semester discussed and designated as Wednesdays from 12-1pm and by appointment
2018-03-08	All officers, chapter advisors, and many new inductees	Election of 2018-2019 officers	*Introduction for new inductees *Election of 2018-2019 officers *Finalization of details of induction ceremony *Information about the induction ceremony was disseminated to new inductees

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

The Chapter's goals for this academic year were as follows:

- To promote education and commitment to academia through maintenance of the free peer tutoring program
- To organize professional development programs which enhance student education and commitment to academic excellence
- To support and participate in community events so as to provide service to the community at large
- To foster goodwill among student pharmacists and provide an outlet for stress relief within the pharmacy program

### **Activities**

Category of Activity: Intellectual Leadership Activities

Title of Activity: Peer- Tutoring for PharmD students

Brief Description: Officers and members of the Beta Theta chapter offered free peer tutoring to all PharmD students. At specified times and by appointment, students in any year of the program may ask questions about material in any subject area.

How Does This Activity Align With the Rho Chi Mission Statement? Tutoring contributes to the development of intellectual leaders and fosters collaboration among students.

Years the Activity has Been Ongoing? >10 years

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? Formal evaluations have not been completed but is reflected in the verbal feedback from students who attended the tutoring sessions.

How Many Members Participated in the Activity? 6

How Many Students and/or Patients were impacted by the Activity? An average of 1 student weekly

Financial Information for the Activity: None

Category of Activity: Intellectual Leadership Activities

Title of Activity: Professional Development Program #1

Brief Description: Two APPE students spoke about APPE and internship opportunities that they participated in at industry companies such as the FDA, Bayer, Novo Nordisk, Celgene, and Johnson & Johnson. This program provided insight into industry opportunities for current and future PharmD students to improve students' prospects for specialized training and/or job placement.

How Does This Activity Align With the Rho Chi Mission Statement? Professional development programs contribute to the development of intellectual leaders and foster collaboration.

Years the Activity has Been Ongoing? Professional development programs have been held for many years at LIU (>10)

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? Program evaluations were completed by attendees at the conclusion of the program. A review of these evaluations demonstrated that students were satisfied with the program.

How Many Members Participated in the Activity? 11

How Many Students and/or Patients were impacted by the Activity? 54 students (includes both members and non-members)

Financial Information for the Activity: \$59

Category of Activity: Intellectual Leadership Activities

Title of Activity: Professional Development Program #2

Brief Description: Speaker Dr. Bupendrah Shah, from Long Island University, discussed successful interviewing tactics. This program provided guidance for students applying for jobs, internships, fellowships, and residencies.

How Does This Activity Align With the Rho Chi Mission Statement? Professional development programs contribute to the development of intellectual leaders and fosters collaboration.

Years the Activity has Been Ongoing? Professional development programs have been held for many years at LIU (>10)

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? Program evaluations were completed by attendees at the conclusion of the program. A review of the evaluations found that students were satisfied with the program.

How Many Members Participated in the Activity? 3

How Many Students and/or Patients were impacted by the Activity? 26 students (includes both members and non-members)

Financial Information for the Activity: \$150

Category of Activity: Intellectual Leadership Activities

Title of Activity: Professional Development Program #3

Brief Description: Industry expert Sam Nam spoke about the industry experience and career path advisement for students interested in preparing for a career in industry.

How Does This Activity Align With the Rho Chi Mission Statement? Professional development programs contribute to the development of intellectual leaders and fosters collaboration.

Years the Activity has Been Ongoing? Professional development programs have been held for many years at LIU (>10)

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? Program evaluations were completed by attendees at the conclusion of the program. A review of the evaluations found that students were satisfied with the program.

How Many Members Participated in the Activity? 1 officer

How Many Students and/or Patients were impacted by the Activity? 20 students (includes members and non

members)

Financial Information for the Activity: \$105.70

Category of Activity: Intellectual Leadership Activities

Title of Activity: Professional Development Program #4

Brief Description: Managing editor of the American Journal of Health-System Pharmacy (AJHP) Maryam Mohassel discussed publishing and editing biomedical literature.

How Does This Activity Align With the Rho Chi Mission Statement? Professional development programs contribute to the development of intellectual leaders and fosters collaboration.

Years the Activity has Been Ongoing? Professional development programs have been held for many years at LIU (>10)

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? Program evaluations were completed by attendees at the conclusion of the program. A review of the evaluations found that students were satisfied with the program.

How Many Members Participated in the Activity? 6

How Many Students and/or Patients were impacted by the Activity? 63 students (includes members and non members)

Financial Information for the Activity: \$150

Category of Activity: College of Pharmacy Event

Title of Activity: LIU Pharmacy Club Fair

Brief Description: The Beta Theta Chapter staffed a table at the student club fair. At the fair, officers informed students about the Society and distributed flyers to advertise the peer-tutoring program.

How Does This Activity Align With the Rho Chi Mission Statement? The Club Fair fosters collaboration among peers

Years the Activity has Been Ongoing? Club Fairs have been held for many years at LIU (>10)

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? Club Fair evaluations have not been conducted in the past as they have proven to be successful each year. Club Fairs serve to encourage students to join professional organizations and become aware of the extracurricular activities available.

How Many Members Participated in the Activity? 6 officers

How Many Students and/or Patients were impacted by the Activity? 600 PharmD students

Financial Information for the Activity: None

Category of Activity: Patient Outreach Events/ Community Service

Title of Activity: Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's at Kingsborough Community College

Brief Description: Rho Chi participated in a walk to end Alzheimer's and raised money to donate to the Alzheimer's Association

How Does This Activity Align With the Rho Chi Mission Statement? Community service events foster collaboration and promote the highest ethical standards

Years the Activity has Been Ongoing? LIU Pharmacy has participated in community service events for many years (>10)

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? Evaluations at community service events have not been completed historically.

How Many Members Participated in the Activity? 8

Financial Information for the Activity: None

## **Financial Budgeting**

A budget kit was completed by the 2017-2018 officers to request funding for the anticipated expenses for this academic year. This kit was completed in May 2017 and submitted to the University's Student Government Association (SGA) who determined the budget for the 2017-2018 academic year.

## Appendix 2. Rho Chi Chapter Annual Report

ITEM	Amount Debited (\$\$ spent)	Amount Credited (\$\$ raised)	Balance	Comment
<b>Opening Balance</b>			<b>\$5,000</b>	Budget allocation from SGA
<b>Professional Development Hour #1</b> "APPEs in the Pharmaceutical Industry"	<b>\$59</b>			Cost of lunch for attendees
<b>Professional Development Hour #2</b> "Successful Interviewing Strategies"	<b>\$150</b>			Cost of lunch for attendees
<b>Professional Development Hour #3</b> "Preparing for a Career in Industry"	<b>\$105.70</b>			Cost of lunch for attendees
<b>Professional Development Hour #4</b> "Publishing in the Biomedical Literature: An Editor's Perspective"	<b>\$150</b>			Cost of lunch for attendees
<b>APhA/Rho Chi Annual Conference</b>	<b>\$483.07</b>			Delegate's registration, hotel and travel expenses
<b>Rho Chi Induction Ceremony</b>	<b>\$4,052</b>			Cost of ceremony (caterer, wait staff, security, paper goods, decorations, alcohol, gift for keynote speaker, candles and ribbon for ceremony, etc.)
<b>Ending Balance</b>			<b>\$0.23</b>	

### Installation Function

The chapter's initiation ceremony took place on Thursday, March 22, 2018 in the Arnold & Marie Schwartz Athletic Center at LIU Brooklyn. This was the 63rd annual induction ceremony of the Beta Theta Chapter.

A total of 60 students were inducted into the Beta Theta Chapter, including 38 PharmD students and 22 graduate students. Deans, faculty members, and administrators of the College of Pharmacy all attended the ceremony to welcome the new inductees. Family members of inductees were also present at the event. The program began with introductory remarks from the Chapter's advisor, Dr. Rebecca Cope, followed by Jessica Soffer, the student president of the Beta Theta chapter, who delivered remarks about the Chapter's accomplishments throughout the 2017-2018 academic year. Dean John Pezzuto welcomed all attendees and then introduced the keynote speaker, Dr. Edward Fisher, Dean of the College of Pharmacy at Ketchum University. Dr. Fisher has been employed in academia for more than 25 years at three colleges of pharmacy: Southwestern Oklahoma State University College of Pharmacy; Midwestern-Glendale as the first Chair of the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences; and Daniel K.

Inouye College of Pharmacy, University of Hawaii at Hilo, as inaugural associate dean. At the University of Hawaii at Hilo, he also served as the director of the MS in Clinical Psychopharmacology program. As former National Secretary of Rho Chi, and a recipient of the National Rho Chi Advisor of the Year award, he has been integral in initiating two new Rho Chi chapters.

Dean Fisher delivered an inspiring address that encouraged students to form and maintain connections throughout their pharmacy career. Following the keynote address, Dean Fisher received a token of appreciation from Dr. Rebecca Cope, advisor of the Beta Theta Chapter. Subsequently, Dr. Cope and the Rho Chi officers performed the initiation ritual, following by

closing remarks by Dr. Cope. Finally, the ceremony concluded with a reception for all those in attendance.

### **Evaluation/Reflection**

The Beta Theta Chapter had a successful academic year. The peer-tutoring program was once again able to provide extra academic support to pharmacy students, and was further customized by asking the students to provide the course/subject area when setting up an appointment to allow tutors to prepare. Students were able to walk in during the designated tutoring hour each week and also schedule appointments to meet with tutors at other times. Involving other members of Rho Chi in peer tutoring was also beneficial, and should be continued in the upcoming year.

Additional activities that benefited the students at LIU Pharmacy included the coordination of four professional development programs, which covered topics such as APPE and internship opportunities, successful interviewing strategies, and career path advisement for students interested in a career in industry.

The officers also coordinated an off-campus community service event to raise money for Alzheimer's research. This community service event was different from the recent past as it allowed students to collaborate with other organizations on campus to collectively raise money for research.

Looking towards the future, the Beta Theta Chapter hopes to continue to serve as role models and morale-boosters for students at LIU pharmacy. The Chapter hopes to continue to provide tutoring services in the pharmacy student study center, both by officers and other members of the Chapter. The Chapter also hopes to foster a sense of comradery between faculty and students at LIU Pharmacy, recognizing that professional relationships built at this stage in a student's career can have a beneficial impact post-graduation. The current officers hope that the Chapter continues to build on its accomplishments and plan to remain in contact with the incoming officers to provide any assistance.

### **Other Information**

N/A