

## Rho Chi Delta Nu Chapter Annual Report 2017

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

Doctorate of Pharmacy Class of 2017 – 21

Doctorate of Pharmacy Class of 2018 – 14

### Meetings:

Date	Attendance	Agenda	Action Steps
June 22nd, 2016	5	First official meeting of the 2016-2017 Rho Chi officers to discuss the induction of new faculty into Rho Chi Society for Academic Year 2017 – 2018. Additionally, Rho Chi members reviewed the chapter's national bylaws and individual officer's responsibilities. Rho Chi tutoring services and the Adopt-a-Highway community service plans were carefully planned. We examined different fundraising ideas and determined the best dates to conduct clinical pearl sessions for the first year students.	Discussed with the faculty and the Dean to determine the best time slots for clinical pearls sessions. Introduced students to the Rho Chi society and offer additional information.

December 13th, 2017	5	Officers meeting to discuss the upcoming clinical pearl sessions, APhA Annual Conference, and the Rho Chi Installation ceremony. The discussion of a Rho Chi residency panel was considered. The delegate sent to the Rho Chi annual meeting also shared their experience.	Installation Ceremony will be held on April 20th, 2017. The Residency panel is being held on May 09, 2017.
December 13th, 2017	19	Chapter meeting regarding Touro College of Pharmacy's first attendance at the New Jersey Society of Health-System Pharmacists Annual Quiz Bowl in collaboration with Phi Lamda Sigma. The quiz bowl included participation from 10 pharmacy schools in the tristate area. Volunteers made up teams of 5 members.	Ensure participation and confirm coverage of transportation for participants through the school
April 5th, 2017	5	Officer meeting to plan and confer the implementation of upcoming Rho Chi Installation Ceremony.  Secretary Mi Bui is working on repurposing the Rho Chi insignia creating a table runner that will be approved by national.	Historian and Secretary will be completing the Annual Report for 2017-18.
April 7, 2017	5	Rho Chi Delta Nu Chapter represented Touro College of Pharmacy at the New Jersey Society of Health-System Pharmacists Annual Quiz Bowl. In collaboration with with Phi Lambda Sigma, 3 teams of students were formed to compete against several regional colleges of pharmacy. The goal of the event was to bring the colleges together for an educational and collaborative experience. One of Touro's teams placed 3rd.	Members who attended will share experience with future Rho Chi members.
April 24th, 2017	10	Officers meeting with newly elected Rho Chi President, Sonjelu Bulku. We went over the events and meetings held in the past year in order to prepare her and the new officers in the upcoming year. We discussed ways that the society could improve in providing services to its members and the community, along with enhancing Rho Chi's presence in both areas.	Discussed fundraising ideas for the upcoming year and determined it would be best to fundraise in the beginning of the Fall semester. We will also be continuing the clinical pearl session topics from this year to future students, as there was a positive response this year to those sessions.

**Strategic Planning:** The Delta Nu Chapter of the Rho Chi society developed several ideas and goals that echoed the ideals of intellectual pursuits in scholarship and research. Members of Rho Chi conducted clinical pearl sessions in which patient cases were presented to educate the first and second year students on necessary and applicable topics for their impending future rotations. Academic tutoring was offered to the student body with a strong response from the members of Rho Chi to establish them as the academic leaders.

**Activities:** Rho Chi presented three clinical presentation during our first semester. The session was conducted by members of Rho Chi and Phi Lambda Sigma. Each session encompassed three 10-minute patient case presentations such as; New Changes to Heart Failure Guidelines, Overview of Statin Benefit Group, and Correcting hypo- and hyperkalemia. There were three clinical pearl presentations in the Fall semester and five in the Spring semester. Over 8 different topics were presented in total.

Rho Chi members also participated in the NJSHP Quiz Bowl for the first time this year. Rho Chi Delta Nu Chapter represented Touro College of Pharmacy at the New Jersey Society of Health-System Pharmacists Annual Quiz Bowl. In collaboration with with Phi Lambda Sigma, 3 teams of students were formed to compete against several regional colleges of pharmacy. The goal of the event was to bring the colleges together for an educational and collaborative experience. One of Touro's teams placed 3rd.

Touro College of Pharmacy offers a unique 2 + 2 program. The first two years of school are academic based and the second two years are strictly rotations. Many students find the exposure to many rotations enlightening, experiencing many different areas of pharmacy. The Delta Nu chapter conducted a Residency Panel to share their experiences on rotations as well as the interview and residency process.

The Adopt-a-Highway program served as one of the chapter's community service events. Members of the Delta Nu chapter cleaned and energized a long stretch of highway on the Henry Hudson Parkway. The revitalization of the Henry Hudson parkway was fulfilled for several months.

**Financial/ Budgeting:** At the beginning of each fiscal year, budget allocations are provided to the College of Pharmacy organizations in accordance with the College's financial plan. This year, our chapter received \$5,000 to accommodate all expenses and activities. Approximately \$2400 was given to, our chapter delegates to attend the APhA Annual meeting in San Francisco, CA from March 24-26, 2016. \$1535.51 was allocated for the Rho Chi Annual Induction Ceremony and graduation cords. \$973 dollars was utilized to order whitecoat clipboards as a fundraiser.

**Initiation Function:** The initiation ceremony took place on the evening of April 20th, 2017 in the Touro College of Pharmacy Student Lounge. In attendance were newly inducted Rho Chi members, current Rho Chi members, faculty members, the Dean of Touro College, Academic Dean of Assessment, Guest speak Sudha Narayanaswamy Pharm.D., BCPP, BCGP as well as family and friends of the inductees. The Touro College of Pharmacy Dean presented opening remarks. This was followed by the current Rho Chi President, Emily Messing. The newly elected Rho Chi President, Sonjela Bulku, addressed the newly inducted, and Emily Messing presented closing remarks.

**Evaluation/Reflection:** The Delta Nu Chapter developed and implemented several events in the last year to help promote the vision of Rho Chi: the clinical pearl presentations, tutoring services, NJSHP Quiz Bowl and Adopt-a-Highway community service. Members represented Rho Chi in all these events establishing their leadership skills and abilities. The clinical pearls were able to provide first and second year students with valuable information on application of pharmacotherapeutics through patient case presentations. This year both Phi Lambda Sigma and Rho Chi members presented Clinical pearls together 2-3 times per semester. This

benefited the recipients of the presentation in preparation for practice experience rotations and also gave an opportunity for the presenters to improve their presentation skills.

The whitecoat clipboard fundraiser gave our members experience in collaborating to develop a plan that would be profitable for the organization. The fundraiser was a success and was an excellent idea to help students with resources for rotations. It has been decided that this will not be done next year, as the clipboards were sold to target all classes, therefore it will not be profitable if repeated consecutively. This year the fundraiser was divided between Rho Chi and Phi Lambda Sigma.

The tutoring services enabled members to study, review pharmacotherapeutic material for the impending licensing exam. This experience also allowed for improvement in teaching experience and communication skills.

The Adopt-a-Highway community service program was a successful event that educated members on the necessity of community service and becoming leaders.

This year Rho Chi will collaborate with SSHP in order to provide a residency/ fellowship panel. There was a question and answer session which allowed students to ask about the residency experience and tips from the panel. It was an extremely successful event and we are looking to continue this tradition annually.

### **Photos:**

NJSHP quiz bowl



Adopt A Highway Fall 2016



## Adopt A Highway Spring 2017

