

Rho Chi Delta Nu Chapter Annual Report 2018

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Chapter name and region: Delta Nu Chapter, Region 1 Northeast

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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 2018 – 14

Doctorate of pharmacy Class of 2019 – 16

Meetings:

| Date | Attendance | Agenda | Action Steps |
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| August 23, 2017 | 5 | First official meeting of the 2017-2018. Rho Chi members reviewed the chapter's national bylaws and individual officer's responsibilities. White clip board fundraiser and the Adopt-a-highway community services plans were carefully planned. We examined different fundraising ideas and determined the best dates to conduct clinical pearl sessions for the second year students. We also discussed about the mandatory requirement for all Rho Chi members to participate in at least 2 activities to receive a cord at the graduation. | Discussed with the course coordinator to determine the best time slots for clinical pearls. Introduced students to the Rho Chi society and offer additional information |

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| October 18, 2017 | 14 | Chapter meeting to discuss the upcoming Clinical Pearls sessions, APhA Annual Conference, New Jersey Society of Health-System Pharmacists Annual Quiz Bowl, Adopt-A-Highway and fundraiser ideas. | Quiz bowl will be held on Friday, April 13 th, 2018. Sign-up sheet for the event will be sent to members to ensure participation and confirm coverage of transportation for participants through the school. Clinical Pearls will have 2 sections per semester with 3 presenters per section. |
| January 22, 2018 | 5 | Officers met to discuss the upcoming general body meeting with all members. Two teams with fives members were formed for upcoming New Jersey Society of Health-System Pharmacists Annual Quiz Bowl 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. | General meeting will be held on March 6th, 2018. Members who attended will share experience with future Rho Chi members. |
| March 6, 2018 | 11 | Chapter meeting to plan and confer the implementation of upcoming Rho Chi Installation Ceremony. Discussed about fundraiser ideas: Ribbon sale and donations for Stop Gun Violence and Pins sale with hash tags for graduation. | Historian and Secretary will be completing the Annual Report for 2018-2019 Rho Chi members will table for the fundraiser during school time. Signing sheet for the volunteers were sent. |
| May 2, 2018 | 10 | Officers meeting with newly elected Rho Chi President, Saera Murtaza . 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 to educate the first and second year students on necessary and applicable topics for their impending classes and future rotations.

Activities: Rho Chi presented two clinical pearl presentations in the Fall 2017 semester and two in the Spring semester in collaboration with Phi Lambda Sigma. The presentation topics included hyperlipidemia, anticoagulation, hypertensive crisis, sickle cell disease, asthma, stroke, intra-abdominal infections, diabetes mellitus, diabetic ketoacidosis, rheumatoid arthritis, and osteoarthritis.

Rho Chi members represented Touro College of Pharmacy at the New Jersey Society of Health-System Pharmacists (NJSHP) Annual Quiz Bowl. In collaboration with Phi Lambda Sigma, two teams of students were formed to compete against several regional colleges of pharmacy.

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.

The Rho Chi members participated in collecting donations in the exchange for ribbons at Touro College of Pharmacy to raise the awareness against gun violence. The fundraising event raised \$500 and all proceeds were donated to the March for Our Lives Action Fund.

In collaboration with ASHP-SSHP (American Society of Health-System Pharmacists), a residency and fellowship Panel was held and led by current P4 students and PGY1 student alumni. The session provided underclassman the opportunity to receive information on the process and expectations involved in pursuing post graduate training.

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. The chapter made \$389 through the sale of the clipboards, lanyard sale and pin sales with graduation hashtags.

Approximately \$2000 was given to, our chapter delegates to attend the APhA Annual meeting in Nashville, TN from March 15-19, 2018. \$1306 was allocated for the Rho Chi Annual Induction Ceremony and graduation cords.

Initiation Function: The initiation ceremony took place on the evening of May 2nd, 2018 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, Acting Associate Dean of Student Affairs, Guest speaker Steven Baldwin, B.S., PharmD as well as family and friends of the inductees. The Touro College of Pharmacy Dean presented opening remarks. This was followed by the speech from guest speaker Dr. Steven Baldwin. The current Rho Chi President, Sonjela Bulku and newly elected Rho Chi president, Saera Murtaza, also addressed the attendees. Sonjela Bulku presented the 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, 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 pearl presentations were able to provide first and second year students with valuable information on application of pharmacotherapeutics. The Adopt-a-Highway community service program was a successful event that educated members on the necessity of community service and becoming leaders.

Photos:

Clinical Pearl Presenters with Dean and faculty Advisor



Adopt A Highway Fall 2017



Adopt A Highway Spring 2018



NJSHP Quiz Bowl



Residency and Fellowship Panel 2018



Pin Sales with graduation hash tags

