Annual Chapter Report - 2017

Please complete your Annual Chapter Report, adhering strictly to the format below, and submit it to the National Office via e-mail (RhoChi@unc.edu) by May 15.

General formatting guidelines:

* Adhere to the page/word limitations specified in each section.
* Use 12 point, Times-New Roman, font.
* Do not include any attachments or appendices.
* Submit as a Word Document.

Date of report submission: May 15, 2017

Name of School/College: **Xavier University of Louisiana College of Pharmacy**

Chapter name and region: **Gamma Epsilon Chapter, Region VI**

Chapter advisor’s name and e-mail address: **Dr. Ifeanyi Onor, ionor@xula.edu**

(If chapter has a co-advisor, please list name and email address):

For split campuses, please list advisor and email address for each campus, if applicable:

Delegate who attended the Rho Chi Annual Meeting: **Anthonia Chimezie**

(Note: Any chapter failing for three successive years to have a delegate at the National Convention shall be declared “inactive” by the Executive Council and may not elect members unless and until reinstated – Article 4, Section 3, Rho Chi Society Bylaws) Note that Advisors attending the National Conventions may serve as delegates in the absence of a student or non-student member delegate—Article 7, Section 7, Rho Chi Society Bylaws.

Date delegate’s name submitted to Rho Chi.: **February 10, 2017**

Past year’s officers and e-mail addresses:

President: **Jacenta Matthews**  **jmatthew@xula.edu**

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Secretary: **Anthony Nguyen** **anguye18@xula.edu**

Treasurer: **Angelita Sirianni**  **asiriann@xula.edu**

Historian: **Veronica Mayer**  **vmayer@xula.edu**

New officers and e-mail addresses for next academic year:

(If not yet elected, please indicate date of anticipated election and report names within one week of election)

President: **Bree Bergeron**  **bbergero@xula.edu**

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Treasurer: **Codeigh Hunt**  **chunt4@xula.edu**

Historian: **Isabel Sbeiti** **isbeiti@xula.edu**

Number of Rho Chi student members at college or school, listed by class year and program (and by campus if more than one campus): **Pharmacy Class of 2017 – 31, Pharmacy Class of 2018 – 31, Pharmacy Class of 2019 – 32**

**Meetings**: Provide information on meetings held in the following tabular format (Limit 1.5 page)

**Note: If your chapter is part of a split campus, please list the meetings with campus reference under the Attendance (i.e. A, B or 1, 2 with a note to indicate the campus of reference).**

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| Date | Attendance | Agenda | Action Steps |
| 09/08/2016 | 26 | * Prayer * Introduction of new officers * Relay cord requirements * Gather suggestions on fundraising ideas * Distribute community service dates * Gathered suggestions for areas/topics to have guest speakers in future * Allowed faculty advisor, Dr. Onor, to explain his role as a pharmacist and expectations of students | Dr. Ifeanyi Onor BS, PharmD, BCPS, spoke about his role in the collaborative practice with other healthcare professionals in the care for patients. He also spoke in great detail the expectations of students on APPE rotations. |
| 10/08/2016 | 25 | * Prayer * Introduction of Speaker * Allowed Chef Sarris to explain her role in the Goldring Center for Culinary Medicine. | Chef Saris, spoke about her role as the director of the interdisciplinary Goldring Center for Culinary Medicine. |
| 11/10/2016 | 27 | * Prayer * Collected information on suggestions for future/spring community service events * Allowed Dr. Shane Foret speak about the field of Nuclear Pharmacist. | Dr. Shane Foret DPH, BCNP, with GE Healthcare spoke with members about the role and expectations of a Nuclear Pharmacist as well as the logistics to become a nuclear pharmacist. |
| 01/19/2017 | 26 | * Prayer * Relayed cord requirements for member status * Introduced speaker for meeting as well as background history | N/A |
| 02/14/2017 | 25 | * Prayer * Spoke to group of current budget standing and future fundraising events * Informed members of available community service events for the semester * Introduced the 4 guests who spoke to the members about the choice and process of APPE rotations. Also spoke of the common trends and expectations of preceptors which they had experience. | Four (All 4 were Rho Chi members) P4 students volunteered to speak with the group about selection of rotations and preceptors. |
| 03/09/2017 | 16 | * Prayer * Introduced speaker for meeting. * Dr. Bostanian spoke about his duties as a compounding pharmacist. | Dr. Bostanian, PharmD spoke to our members about compounding pharmacy. He talked about his day-to-day duties as compounding pharmacist. |
| 04/04/2017 | 5 E-Board,  ~ 32 new P2 Rho Chi members | * Prayer * Discussed future cord requirements & expectations of new members * Induction of 1 new member who was unable to attend the induction ceremony * Each officer described first-hand experiences and duties as officer * Allowed for voting of officers for next year with new members | N/A |

**Strategic Planning**: What goals were set that relate to the Rho Chi mission? (Limit 0.5 page)

The 2016-2017 Executive Board focused on exposing our members to various fields of pharmacy practice not extensively covered in the classroom. Secondly, by encouraging members to volunteer at ‘Beautification Day’ at a local charter school, we helped spread awareness of the profession of pharmacy to younger generations in the Greater New Orleans area.

**Activities**: This section is usually the primary focus of the report. The chapter reports should contain detailed descriptions of all activities developed and conducted to further the society’s mission (See Appendix 1 for Chapter Activities Report Template). (For split campuses, please reference the activities by campus.) It may contain a combination of activities within the college and/or university as well as activities that provide outreach outside the academic community. School-wide events that provide evidence of intellectual leadership (e.g., a sponsored lecture, symposium, poster session, etc.) may be included. Service activities for non-members such as tutoring may be included. It is recommended that students also provide at least one community service activity outside of the academic institution (e.g., volunteering at a long-term care facility, providing health information to patients/citizens in the community, etc.) provided that it is consistent with the mission of the Rho Chi Society. The description must include whether these activities are on-going (if so, for how long) or are new initiatives. (Limit 1500 words)

1. **P1 Orientation**: For the past few years, Rho Chi has been invited to participate in the Organization Fair during the incoming pharmacy student orientation. Incoming students were able to gather information about the society and ask many questions about members’ experiences throughout pharmacy school.
2. **School Supply Drive**: The Foundation for East Baton Rouge School System is a charity that provides support to students, teachers and administrators in the East Baton Rouge area. The East Baton Rouge area was heavily affected by catastrophic flooding in August of 2016. This year, Rho Chi Society partnered with the Foundation for East Baton Rouge School System charity and held a school supply drive to provide school supplies to students the East Baton Rouge area.
3. **Henry Aucoin Foundation City Park Night**: This foundation helped to raise both money and awareness for children with congenital heart diseases. This was a brand new initiative that allowed members to give back to the community. Rho Chi members helped with checking in guests, accompanied children on the rides, and assisted the cleaning efforts at the end of the night.
4. **National Kidney Foundation Walk**: The National Kidney Foundation of Louisiana sponsored this walk that took place in Audubon Park. Rho Chi members helped with setting up, raising money for the foundation, and also participated in the walk.
5. **NAMI Walk**: The National Alliance on Mental Illness hosted a walk in Audubon Park to raise awareness for mental illness in the community. Rho Chi members helped in all aspects from setting up tents and tables, directing runners, handing out water, and cleaning up the park afterwards.
6. **The Heart Walk:** The Heart Walk was put on by the American Heart Association and took place in Champions Square outside of the Superdome. Members helped set up booths, pass out beverages, ran in the race, and helped clean up afterwards.
7. **Gardening/Beautification Project**: This year, Rho Chi members continued our partnership with Young Audiences Charter School. We lent a helping hand during their school beautification day, where we painted hallways, planted flowers, cleaned the library, and helped to refurbish their school yard.
8. **Ronald McDonald House Drive**: This organization helps to house family members of hospitalized patients in the New Orleans Area. Rho Chi members created a menu, bought the supplies, and cooked dinner for the occupants at Ronald McDonald House to help ease the stress they were experiencing during this time.
9. **Arc's Mardi Gras Bead Recycling Center:** The Arc of Greater New Orleans is a non-profit organization that collects beads and repackages them to sell to float riders during Mardi Gras. Rho Chi assisted in the bead sorting and also increased visibility of the organization to members of the community.
10. **Myasthenia Gravis Walk:** This walk was sponsored by the Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America and took place in Lafreniere Park in Metairie, La. Rho Chi helped to raise money for the foundation and raise awareness of this disease and also provided helpful resources for the people living with this condition.
11. **Resurrection Health Fair**: We provided health screenings to the New Orleans East Community at the Resurrection of Our Lord Church in collaboration with SNPHA and LSHP. This not only benefited the community, it also gave our members the chance to practice their skills and get real hands on experience.

**Financial/ Budgeting**: Provide information on how your budget was determined and approved and how it supported your chapter’s activities. Include information on fund-raising that was conducted to meet this budget. (Limit 250 words) (See Appendix 2 for Budget Example Template.) (For split campuses, please reference the budget items by campus.)

The Rho Chi budget is determined by the previous year’s expenses and revenues, submitted to and approved by the Xavier University of Louisiana Student Government Association, Pharmacy Student Association, and our advisor and Executive-Board. We were able to cut expenses by decreasing costs associated with the annual Rho Chi Induction Banquet. For fundraising, we designed and sold new t-shirts.

**Initiation Function**: Describe the initiation function, including when and where it took place, who attended it (not specific names), information on the speaker (if applicable), etc. (Limit 250 words)

The Gamma Epsilon Chapter of Rho Chi inducted 32 new members on March 31, 2017. The ceremony involved the new inductees, their families, and Xavier University of Louisiana College of Pharmacy faculty and staff. The ceremony was held in the Administration Auditorium on campus.

The guest speaker of the night was Dr. Yashoda Pramar who not only applauded the new members for their achievement but also encouraged them to pursue a path of higher knowledge by participating in residencies. Dr. Pramar has taught at Xavier University College of pharmacy for 25 years and has received the Lawrence Ferring Teacher of the year award 8 times. She received her Bachelors in Pharmacy and masters in pharmacy from M.S. University in Baroda, India, and a Ph.D. in Pharmaceutics from the University of Houston. Since then, she has dedicated her time at Xavier as the Pharmaceutics I and II professor.

Following the ceremony, we had a catered banquet dinner for all the attendees.

**Evaluation/Reflection**: Provide a reflective paragraph that evaluates the effectiveness of your activities and ways to improve. (Limit 500 words)

The Gamma Epsilon Chapter of Rho Chi participated in many community service projects. The participation from members was outstanding with each event having a good amount of participants. The School Supply Drive was very rewarding because we were able to help the children affected by the storm and ease the transition into the new school year. We were also pleased to see how the new activities that we introduced to the organization were a great success and the participation was outstanding.

It was an honor to be able to follow the president and her executive board from last year in participating in some of the same service projects they did and it will be an honor to pass on these contacts and projects to the Rho Chi members next year. The projects we participated in this year were exciting, fun, and helped us reach our goals as a chapter. One of the most powerful projects we did was Ronald McDonald House because not only was it so rewarding to be able to help families in need but to get to know them while helping made it that much better. We will certainly encourage the new executive board of 2017-2018 to try to continue that project. One improvement we could make as a chapter is finding a way to give recognition to those members who are doing great things including research projects, tutoring, or participating in outstanding community service.

**Other information**: If you would like to provide other information about your chapter that was not included in the above categories (e.g., development of a new website, organizing a regional meeting, etc.), add it here: (Limit 500 words)

**If your chapter would like to be considered for the Most Improved Chapter Award, please complete the following form on a separate page.**

Most Improved Chapter Award

Some chapters have been relatively inactive in past years, but current students/advisors have made great strides to increase the activities/projects of their chapters. Rho Chi has instituted a designation for the “Most Improved Chapter Award” to recognize such strides. In order to be eligible for this award, a chapter must meet all the basic chapter requirements requested within the chapter annual report. Furthermore, the chapter annual report, names of elected officers, and the name of the chapter delegate to the Rho Chi Society National Office must be submitted to the Rho Chi National Office by the respective deadlines for each of these items. The chapter must send a representative to the Rho Chi Society Annual Meeting. In addition, chapters must have “active” chapter status for at least 2 consecutive years (e.g., new schools must be in at least the third year of chapter activity).

If your chapter would like to be considered for the “Most Improved Chapter Award,” indicate the significant improvement(s) of your chapter below. Limit to one page.

Name of School/College:

Chapter name and region:

Name of member submitting statement:

Name of Chapter Advisor:

**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.) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| College of Pharmacy Events [non-academic, non-patient outreach] | P1 Orientation | Participated in the Organization Fair during the incoming P1 orientation. P1’s were able to ask questions about the Society. | Our members were encouraging high standards of conduct and character to the incoming students. | Nine | N/A | 5 | ~150 | Sold old T-shirts in-stock for a revenue of $737 |
| Patient Outreach Events/ Community Service | Henry Aucoin Foundation City Park Night | This foundation helped to raise both money and awareness for children with congenital heart diseases. This was a brand new initiative that allowed members to give back to the community. Rho Chi members helped with checking in guests, accompanied children on the rides, and assisted the cleaning efforts at the end of the night. | Raising awareness of congenital heart disease and education patients on the impact of pharmacy in the patients’ overall health. | One | N/A | 9 | ~50 | N/A |
|  | National Kidney Walk Foundation | The National Kidney Foundation of Louisiana sponsored this walk that took place in Audubon Park. Rho Chi members helped with setting up, raising money for the foundation, and also participated in the walk. | Raising awareness of kidney disease and education patients on the impact of pharmacy in the patients’ overall health. | One | N/A | 12 | 100 | N/A |
|  | National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Walk | Participated in a walk in Audubon Park to raise awareness for mental illness. | Raising awareness of mental illness and educating patients on the impact of pharmacy in patients’ overall health. | Two | N/A | 11 | 100 | N/A |
|  | East Baton Rouge School Supply Drive | This year, members of the Rho Chi Society conducted a school supply drive for East Baton Rouge Parish Schools. | Building character through donations to the parish affected by recent catastrophic flooding. | One | N/A | 25 | 150 | N/A |
|  | Gardening /Beautification Day | Continuing our partnership with Young Audiences, we painted hallways, planted flowers, cleaned the library, and helped build a jungle gym. | Educating young children on the field of pharmacy while demonstrating work ethic and service. | Three | N/A | 11 | 300 | N/A |
|  | Arc of Greater New Orleans Bead Sorting | The Arc of Greater New Orleans is a non-profit organization that collects beads and repackages them to sell to float riders during Mardi Gras. Rho Chi assisted in the bead sorting. | Increased visibility of the organization to members of the community. | One | N/A | 10 | 30 | N/A |
|  | Ronald McDonald House Supply Drive | Members donated food and toiletries to the families utilizing the services of the Ronald McDonald House. | Advocating critical inquiry by addressing the needs of the underserved population in New Orleans. | Two | N/A | 21 | 15 | N/A |
|  | Myasthenia Gravis Walk | Rho Chi helped to raise money for the foundation and raise awareness of this disease and also provided helpful resources for the people living with this condition. | Raising awareness about Myasthenia Gravis and increasing the visibility of the organization in the community | One | N/A | 12 | 100 | N/A |
|  | Resurrection of Our Lord Health Fair | Rho Chi partnered up with SnPha and LSHP student organizations to conduct a health fair at the Resurrection of Our Lord Church in New Orleans East. | Provide health screening to an underserved population that was greatly affected by recent tornadoes and increasing the visibility of the organization in the community. | One | N/A | 9 | 20 | N/A |
| Fundraising Events | T-shirt/Polo Sales | Redesigned previous logos for re-sale | Increasing standards of preparedness for interviews | Three | N/A | 31 | 100 | Tshirt design cost ~$1516.34, with sales of ~ $1584. Yielding ~ $67.66 profit. |

Guidelines:

1. For each activity within a category use a separate line in the table (you may add more lines as you see fit)
2. Keep your descriptions of each activity brief limiting overall table to 3 pages or less.

Appendix 2

Rho Chi Chapter Annual Report Template and Example.

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| **ITEM** | **Amount Debited ($$ spent)** | **Amount Credited ($$ raised)** | **Balance** | **Comment** |
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| **Balance forward** |  | **$4,134.27** | **$4,134.27** | **Balance from last year** |
| **Sold T-shirts/Polos** | **$1,691.25** | **$2,095.00** | **$4,538.02** | **Sold T-shirts from this year** |
| **T-shirts for sale** |  | **$737.00** | **$5,275.02** |  |
| **Food/Gifts for guest speakers/panel discussion throughout**  **the year** | **$545.74** |  | **$4,729.28** | **Students attended with faculty for all meetings throughout the year** |
| **Banquet for New Inductees** | **$1880.44** |  | **$2,848.84** | **Catering from and items needed for banquet** |
| **Honor Cords for Graduates** | **$400.00** |  | **$2,448.84** |  |
| **Fee for guests at banquet** |  | **$1300.00** | **$3,748.84** | **Charged each guest $20 per person to attend** |
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