Annual Chapter Report – 2016-2017

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**Name of School/College:** Texas A&M University Irma Lerma Rangel College of Pharmacy

**Chapter name and region:** Gamma Omega Chapter, Region IV – Gulf Coast

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**Number of Rho Chi student members at college or school, listed by class year and program (and by campus if more than one campus):**

College of Pharmacy, Class of 2017: 18 members

College of Pharmacy, Class of 2018: 22 members

* Kingsville campus: 14 students
* College Station campus: 8 students

College of Pharmacy, Class of 2019: 23 members

* Kingsville campus: 12 students
* College Station campus: 11 students

**Meetings**: Please see next page.

**Note: A** – Kingsville Campus; **B** – College Station Campus

**Meetings:**

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| **Date** | **Attendance** | **Agenda** | **Action** **Steps** |
| August 22, 2016 | **A:** Niaz Deyhim, Ram Reddy, Michelle Bacon, Olivia Collado, Kimberly Carson, Cyrus Koochekzadeh, Brianne Sorunke, Josue Rodriguez, Ruhan Lakhani, Mark Huynh, David Varghese, and Khloe Khanh Tran**B.** Cecilia Huang, Steve Vuong, Marisa Rinche, Daniel Trevino, Hang Tuong, and Bryan Richardson | 1. Back to School Supply Drive
2. Backpack Donation Drive
3. Tutoring and Exam Review Programs
4. Fundraising
 | * 100+ school supplies will be donated to Harrel Elementary School on August 31st.
* 35 backpacks will be donated to Southwood Valley Elementary School on August 29th.
* A schedule of the exam reviews will be emailed to the tutors.
* Fundraising options: leather padfolios and car decals.
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| September 19, 2016 | **A:** Niaz Deyhim, Ram Reddy, Michelle Bacon, Tatyana Barichovich, Olivia Collado, Kimberly Carson, Brianne Sorunke, and Mark Huynh**B:** Cecilia Huang, Steve Vuong, and Shahrouz Shoghi | 1. Tutoring Update
2. Fundraising
3. Kleberg County Health Fair
4. Dictionary Donation to Harrel Elementary School
5. November: National Family Literacy Month
 | * Pre-sales for the leather padfolios and care decals will occur from September 26th – October 10th.
* Kleberg County Health Fair: October 14th from 1:00-5:00 P.M.
* Increase revenue to supplement dictionary donation.
* Organize a month-long new book donation drive in November to Texas Children’s Hospital in Houston.
* Texas A&M University COP tumblers will be sold.
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| November 28, 2016 | **A:** Niaz Deyhim, Ram Reddy, Michelle Bacon, Olivia Collado, Kimberly Carson, Cyrus Koochekzadeh, Brianne Sorunke, Ruhan Lakhani, Mark Huynh, David Varghese, and Khloe Khanh Tran**B:** Cecilia Huang, Steve Vuong, Marisa Rinche, Daniel Trevino, Bryan Richardson, and Shahrouz Shoghi | 1. Tutoring Update
2. Installation Banquet
3. CV and Mock Interview Informational
4. APhA Annual
5. Texas Children’s Hospital Book Donation Drive
6. ‘Bake-Our-Way Back to School’ Bale Sale
 | * Installation Banquet is to be held on April 24th, 2017.
* Send out a sign-up sheet for the CV and Mock Interview Informational
* 152 new books will be donated to Texas Children’s Hospital in December.
* Inquire regarding member interest in attending APhA Annual.
* Remind members to provide donations to the bake sale, occurring on November 29th.
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| January 10, 2017 | **A:** Niaz Deyhim, Ram Reddy, Michelle Bacon, Olivia Collado, Kimberly Carson, Brianne Sorunke, Ruhan Lakhani, and Cyrus Koochekzadeh**B:** Cecilia Huang, Steve Vuong, Shahrouz Shoghi, Hang Tuong, Daniel Trevino, Marisa Rinche, Michael Okiemen, and Bryan Richardson, | 1. Tutoring and Exam Review Programs
2. Spring Fundraising
3. Installation Banquet Guest Speaker
4. CV and Mock Interview Informational
 | * A schedule of the exam reviews will be emailed to the tutors.
* Texas A&M long-sleeve shirts and padfolios will be sold from January 17th-25th
* Dictionaries to Harrel Elementary School will be donated on January 18th.
* Dr. Lemrey ‘Al’ Carter will be guest speaker for the Installation Banquet.
* CV Review and Mock Interview is to be held on January 19th.
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| March 1, 2017 | **A:** Niaz Deyhim, Ram Reddy, Michelle Bacon, David Varghese, Ruhan Lakhani, Olivia Collado, Tatyana Barichovich, Cyrus Koockekzadeh, Russell Clark, Zachary Bridges, Jessica Vu, Stacie San Pedro, Morgan Osborn, Christopher White, Audrey De Leon, Gabriel Garza, Gabriela Garcia, Andy Nguyen, and Laci Wright**B:** Cecilia Huang, Steve Vuong, Daniel Trevino, Michael Okiemen, Marisa Rinche, Adrienne Acosta, Lei Wu, Kallen Vann, Alexandra Perouty, Tanner Dodd, Steven Nim, Zhong Zhang  | 1. New Members
2. Installation Banquet
3. Executive Committee Election Information
4. Tutoring Update
 | * Notify new members regarding the membership process, dues, and RSVPs to the Installation Banquet.
* Dr. Lemrey ‘Al’ Carter has accepted to be the guest speaker for the Installation Banquet.
* EC elections will be held on April 5th.
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| April 5, 2017 | **A:** Niaz Deyhim, Ram Reddy, Michelle Bacon, Cyrus Koochekzadeh, Brianne Sorunke, Mark Huynh, Khloe Khanh Tran, Russell Clark, Zachary Bridges, Jessica Vu, Stacie San Pedro, Morgan Osborn, Christopher White, Audrey De Leon, Gabriel Garza, Gabriela Garcia, Jessica Bui, Andy Nguyen, and Laci Wright**B:** Cecilia Huang, Steve Vuong, Adrienne Acosta, Lei Wu, Kallen Vann, Alexandra Perouty, Tanner Dodd, Steven Nim, and Zhong Zhang | 1. Executive Committee Elections
 | * Election speeches will be recorded and placed on eCampus for viewing by membership.
* A survey for voting will be open for one week on eCampus.
* Results for the 2017-2018 EC:

President – Russell John ClarkVice- President – Anh Thu TranSecretary – Adrienne C. AcostaTreasurer – Stacie San PedroHistorian – Audrey Nicole De Leon  |
| May 10, 2017 | **A:** Niaz Deyhim, Ram Reddy, Michelle Bacon, Cyrus Koochekzadeh, and Mark Huynh**B:** Cecilia Huang and Steve Vuong | 1. Overview of Yearly Activities
 | * Transition to the new 2017-2018 Executive Committee.
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**Strategic Planning**:

Our Chapter entered into the 2016-2017 academic year with several core goals. The Executive Committee desired to continue improving upon the success and innovation from the previous year. The addition of the College Station campus' first cohort of Rho Chi members necessitated an expansion of our goals and ideas for application to the campus. Logistically, our main goals were to maintain financial stability, seamlessly integrate College Station's campus, and expand the society’s presence at the College of Pharmacy. Our chapter continued fundraisers that included the selling of padfolios for interviews and other school-sponsored merchandise. With over $2,000 in earnings, our Chapter purchased graduation stoles and books for donation towards our community service events. In order to appropriately integrate the College Station campus, two officers were represented at the location. These officers held the College Station cohort accountable for the goals set by the Chapter. In addition, constant communication between the officers of both campuses for all activities, fundraisers, and meetings ensured that the campuses were properly aligned. Ideologically, our Chapter wanted to increase Rho Chi's presence within the community and promote academic success within the College of Pharmacy. Our Chapter was able to organize Back-to-School drives in both Kingsville and College Station, which led to the donations of backpacks and school supplies to title I elementary schools. For the first time, our chapter also donated books to Texas Children's Hospital in acknowledgement towards National Family Literacy Month. To encourage academic excellence within pharmacy, members from both campuses held exam reviews for the more challenging courses and supplemented them with weekly general tutoring sessions in which students could request tutoring for any course. Professionalism was also emphasized with a curriculum vitae review and mock interviews that prepared students for summer internship interviews. In addition, the comprehensive officer handbook was revised to reflect new Chapter activities and contacts. Overall, the Gamma Omega Chapter met the pre-set goals and through our planning, we were able to advance upon last year's success.

**Activities**: Please see next page

**Chapter Activities Report**

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| Gamma Omega, Texas A&M Health Science Center Irma Lerma Rangel College of Pharmacy Activity Table |
| **Category of Activity** | **Title of Activity** | **Brief Description** | **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 | The Rho Chi Tutoring Program | Rho Chi tutors participated in general tutoring every Tuesday. Students requested additional tutoring on an “as needed” basis. Pre-exam reviews were offered for Cardiology, Basic Pharmacokinetics, Pharmaceutical Calculations, Drug Action II, Self-Care, Endocrinology, and Immunology. | This program promoted academic excellence and encouraged intellectual achievement within the COP. | Tenth year for the Kingsville campus; third year for the College Station campus | Feedback from anonymous surveys tailored the sessions to better suit the students’ needs. Incoming Rho Chi members from the Class of 2019 were involved in tutoring to ensure the continuity of the program. | Twelve Rho Chi tutors – eight members in Kingsville and four members in College Station | A total of 115 students attended 78 hours of tutoring. | N/A |
| Tackling P1 Year with Rho Chi | Study tips regarding difficult subjects and time management skills were shared during an informational session to ease first year students’ transition into the pharmacy program. | This activity encouraged intellectual achievement within the COP. | Two years | Feedback from students was requested to tailor the sessions to better suit the students’ needs. | Five EC members | Sixty students | N/A |
| Curriculum Vitae Review and Mock Interviews | The Chapter conducted a curriculum vitae (CV) review in conjunction with mock interviews to prepare students for summer internship applications and interviews. | This activity fostered collaboration with the Phi Lambda Sigma (PLS) Chapter and contributed to the development of intellectual leaders. | Three years | The Rho Chi EC spoke with second and third year students who attended the activity in the previous year. We were advised to request the assistance of faculty members in the conduction of a formal CV review per each attending student, upon request. | Six Rho Chi members; three Phi Lambda Sigma members; 1 Gamma Omega Chapter Alumni member (Secretary, Class of 2014) | Twenty-two students | N/A |
| College of Pharmacy Events [non-academic, non-patient outreach] | Rho Chi Graduation Stoles | Graduation stoles were purchased to recognize hardworking and dedicated members. This new tradition will be continued in the future. | This activity recognizes intellectual achievement among our members. | Two years | N/A | Two EC members | Twenty-two members | Our Chapter paid 100% of the cost ($452.50) for the new stoles for the Class of 2018 |
| Faculty and Staff Appreciation Luncheon | Our Chapter’s members donated homemade food to recognize the faculty and staff at the College of Pharmacy. | This event promoted collaboration with other student organizations. | Four years | N/A | Ten members – six members in Kingsville and four members in College Station | This luncheon served the faculty and staff on the Kingsville and College Station campuses. | N/A |

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| Patient Outreach Events/Community Service | Rho Chi Back-to- School Supply Drive | The supply drive raised over 100 donations for Harrel Elementary School in Kingsville. | This community service project reduced barriers to academic success and encouraged intellectual achievement at a title I school within the community. | Three years | This year’s supply drive incorporated donations from the College Station campus. | Three EC members presented the items at the school’s Open House. | Our donation made a lasting impact on the students and teachers. | N/A |
| Rho Chi Backpack Donation Dive | The supply drive raised thirty-five donations for Southwood Valley Elementary School in College Station. | This community service project reduced barriers to academic success and encouraged intellectual achievement at a title I school within the community. | One year | N/A | Two EC members presented the items to the school. | Our donation made a lasting impact on the students and teachers. In appreciation, the school placed “Thank you Rho Chi” on the large, outside sign at the front of the building. | N/A |
| Kleberg County Health Fair | Employees from the City of Kingsville and Kleberg County received free health care screenings, influenza vaccinations, and education regarding the importance of a healthy diet, exercise, diabetes, prescription drug abuse, and vaccinations. Health care services included blood pressure, blood glucose, A1c, and cholesterol screenings. Five educational posters were created for the following vaccinations: pneumococcal, influenza, TDaP, meningitis, and diabetes mellitus. | This patient outreach event fostered collaboration with the City of Kingsville and Kleberg County to help deliver health care services to their employees. | Two years | Rho Chi members were distributed across various stations to maximize the Chapter’s presence at the event. However, the patient consultation station with a primary care physician remained exclusive to the Rho Chi Society, in collaboration with Phi Lambda Sigma. | Seven members | Over 100 employees | N/A |
| ‘Bake Our Way Back to School’ Bake Sale | Based on donations and contributions, $120.00 was raised for the nonprofit reduction agency, Communities in Schools of the Coastal Bend. | This event promoted academic excellence within the community and raised awareness of the need for reduced attrition rates. | Third year donating to CIS; second year hosting a bake sale | N/A | Fourteen members  | These funds will be allocated by CIS to benefit students from 38 schools served by the Coastal Bend Branch. | A donation of $120.00 was obtained from this charity fundraiser. |
|  | Rho Chi Book Donation Drive | In support of November being National Family Literacy Month, a month-long book donation drive at the College of Pharmacy was conducted for the patients of Texas Children’s Hospital. With the received and purchased donations, 152 new children’s books, estimated to have a retail value of $1,400, was donated to the hospital. | This community service project promoted academic excellence, literacy, and inspirational encouragement to unwell pediatric patients. | One year | N/A | Twenty-two members | 152 pediatric patients | N/A |
|  | Rho Chi Dictionary Donation | Based upon the need expressed by the administrators of Harrel Elementary School, thirty-three new children’s dictionaries were purchased and donated to the school | This event promoted academic excellence and intellectual achievement at a title I school within the community. | One year | N/A | Three EC members presented the items to the school. | At least thirty-three children; classroom set was provided for usage as necessary | N/A |
|  | Rho Chi and Phi Lambda Sigma Charity Breakfast Fundraiser | Based on donations and contributions, $180.00 was raised for the nonprofit organization, Reach Out and Read. | This event promoted academic excellence, literacy, and collaboration, in addition to providing young children a foundation of success by incorporating books into pediatric care.  | One year | N/A | Nine Rho Chi members; six PLS members | Nine families with young children | A donation of $180.00 was obtained from this charity fundraiser. |
|  | Rho Chi and Phi Lambda Sigma ‘Petals with Purpose’ Donation  | Flower arrangements from the Installation Banquet were donated the following day to the residents of the Kingsville Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. | This community service event fostered collaboration with the pharmacy leadership society and promoted the highest ethical standards for application to the community.  | One year | N/A | Three Rho Chi EC members; two Phi Lambda Sigma EC members | Fifteen elderly, long-term care residents | N/A |
| Fundraising Events | Leather Padfolio and Car Decal Fundraiser | These items featured the Texas A&M College of Pharmacy logo.  | These activities allowed the chapter to develop intellectual leaders by allowing for growth through added responsibilities via the opportunity to plan and execute additional community service projects. | Two years | Profit measurements and pre-sales anticipate the success of these fundraisers. | Five EC members | The funds helped fund graduation stoles for 22 Rho Chi members, the induction of 23 new members, and the Installation Banquet.  | A profit of $762.05 was obtained from these sales. |
| Yeti Tumbler Fundraiser | Three years | An anonymous survey was sent to the Kingsville and College Station campuses prior to pre-sales to gauge how many items to purchase.Although more expensive to purchase, these tumblers are equitable to Yeti cups and of higher quality than prior Rho Chi coffee tumbler fundraisers. | A profit of $544.57 was obtained from this sale. |
| Long-Sleeve Shirts | One year | N/A | A profit of $590.14 was obtained from this sale. |

**Financial/Budgeting:**

**TAMUK ACCOUNT**

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| ITEM | DEBIT | CREDIT | BALANCE | COMMENTS |
| Incoming Balance from 2015-2016 |  | $0.00 | $0.00 | No residual funds from 2015-2016 per Ms. Knudsen on 10/21/16 |
| TAMUK Funding |  | $2,000.00 | $2,000.00 | Per Niaz on 11/14/16 |
| Children's Book Drive | $253.27 |  | $1,746.73 | Review invoice statement (Google Drive "Receipts and Invoices" Folder) |
| Dictionary Donation | $314.70 |  | $1,432.03 | Review invoice statement (Google Drive "Receipts and Invoices" Folder) |
| Banquet Catering | $1,429.33 |  | $2.70 | 60% Split with PLS (Total $3,215) |

**TAMHSC ACCOUNT**

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| ITEM | DEBIT | CREDIT | BALANCE | COMMENTS |
| Incoming Balance from 2015-2016 |  | $5,773.00 | $5,773.00 | Per Ms. Cuellar on 8/22/2016 |
| Replacement pin for Dr. Chavez | $35.00 |  | $5,738.00 | Per Dr. Nutan on 9/9/16 |
| New Membership Dues Collected |  | $3,300.00 | $9,038.00 | $150/member. Missing payment for 1 member. |
| New Membership Dues |  | $150.00 | $9,188.00 | Gaby paid (she was the missing payment) |
| New Initiate Membership | $1,782.50 |  | $7,405.50 | Fees, Certificates, Cords for 23 members.  |
| P4 Award Medallion | $25.00 |  | $7,380.50 |  |
| APhA Registration | $265.00 |  | $7,115.50 | For Ram Reddy |
| Banquet Guest Tickets |  | $550.00 | $7,665.50 | $20/ticket. If inducted in both PLS & PX = 1 free guest. Faculty & Current members free. Consider increase to $25/ticket for next year. |
| Flowers | $414.00 |  | $7,251.50 | 60% Split with PLS (Total $690) |
| Banquet Decor/Table Runners/Set-Up | $225.55 |  | $7,025.95 | 60% Split with PLS (Total $375.92) |
| Remaining Banquet Catering  | $499.17 |  | $6,526.78 |  |
| Banquet Venue | $347.50 |  | $6,179.28 | 50% Split with PLS (Total $695.00) |

**CHAPTER ACCOUNT**

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| ITEM | DEBIT | CREDIT | BALANCE | COMMENTS |
| Incoming Balance from 2015-2016 |  | $815.00 | $815.00 | In Money Bag |
| H-E-B flowers | $41.12 |  | $773.88 | Flowers for Dr. Nutan after his hospitalization |
| Tumblers Purchase | $1,255.43 |  | -$481.55 | Michelle's AmEx to be Reimbursed |
| Tumblers Sale |  | $1,800.00 | $1,318.45 | $544.57 Profit |
| Padfolio Purchase | $801.96 |  | $516.49 | Michelle's Chase Freedom to be Reimbursed |
| Car Decal Purchase | $299.33 |  | $217.16 | Michelle's AmEx to be Reimbursed |
| Padfolio & Car Decal Sale |  | $1,483.35 | $1,700.51 | $382.05 Profit |
| CIS Bake Sale Donation Received |  | $111.05 | $1,811.56 | Donation Rounded up to $120 |
| CIS Bake Sale Donated | $120.00 |  | $1,691.56 | Venmo Niaz |
| Children's Book Drive Donations received by Rho Chi |  | $128.71 | $1,820.27 | See "Book Drive Donations" Tab |
| Reimburse Niaz for Amazon (Children's Book Drive) | $129.13 |  | $1,691.14 | Venmo |
| Reimburse Cyrus for Amazon Book | $4.22 |  | $1,686.92 | Venmo |
| Reimburse Niaz for CIS Bake Sale Donation | $111.05 |  | $1,575.87 | Venmo |
| Padfolio Resale |  | $380.00 | $1,955.87 | $380 Profit |
| Stephanie Bravo Decals |  | $10.00 | $1,965.87 |  |
| Food for lunch meeting on 3/1 | $102.91 |  | $1,862.96 | March 1st meeting |
| Long-sleeve Purchase | $1,281.86 |  | $581.10 | Michelle's AmEx to be Reimbursed |
| Long-sleeve Sale |  | $1,872.00 | $2,453.10 | $590.14 Profit |
| Yearbook Ad Purchase | $26.05 |  | $2,427.05 | Venmo Niaz |
| Reach Out & Read Donations Received by Rho Chi/PLS |  | $178.63 | $2,605.68 | Donation will be rounded up to $180 |
| Reach Out & Read Donated | $180.00 |  | $2,425.68 | Venmo Niaz on 4/19 |
| Graduate Affairs for Stoles | $452.50 |  | $1,973.18 | Venmo Niaz on 4/19 |
| FINAL BALANCE |  |  | **$2,037.29** | Difference from PayPal fees  |

**Financial/ Budgeting**:

A projected budget for the 2016-2017 year was presented to the Assistant Dean for Finance and Administration for approval. Based on need, Rho Chi was awarded $2,000 from Texas A&M University—Kingsville (TAMUK). The balance for the Texas A&M Health Science Center (TAMHSC) account at the beginning of the 2016 year was $5,773, which subsequently increased due to new membership dues and paid guest banquet tickets. The balance for the Chapter Account at the beginning of the 2016 year was $815.00, and this increased due to successful fundraising events. Three merchandise fundraiser, which include the beverage tumblers, padfolios, car decals and long sleeve shirts, resulted in a total of $1,896.76 in annual profits. The TAMUK account, TAMHSC account and Chapter Account funded the initiation banquet, paid for one registration for a Rho Chi delegate to attend the APhA annual meeting, and covered the cost of graduation stoles, in addition to various community service projects, which include Harrell Elementary School’s dictionary donation and Texas Children's Hospital book donation. Furthermore, all profits from the two breakfast sales were donated to Communities in Schools of the Coastal Bend and Reach Out & Read. The ending account balances are $2.70 (TAMUK), $6,179.28 (TAMHSC), and $2,037.29 (Chapter Account), totaling $8,219.27.

**Initiation Function**:

Per a request from the administration, the Rho Chi Society and Phi Lambda Sigma extensively collaborated to host a combined Installation Banquet. Each society adhered to their respective rituals and associated traditions, with the result being an evening to remember. Twenty-three Rho Chi inductees enjoyed a night of celebration for their success in academics. The banquet was held at The Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Center on April 24th, 2017. The Dean of the College of Pharmacy, the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs, and numerous faculty and staff attended this wonderful event. Both societies were extremely honored to have our distinguished guest speaker, Dr. Lemrey ‘Al’ Carter. Dr. Carter is the Senior Director of Pharmacy Regulatory Affairs at CVS Health. In his current role, Dr. Carter oversees CVS’s Board of Pharmacy relationships and provides regulatory support to the Specialty and Mail Order business unit, including all programs, services, and day-to-day regulatory operational needs. Furthermore, Dr. Carter serves as a member of the Illinois State Board of Pharmacy and the Board of Directors for the Illinois Pharmacy Association, in addition to the PTCB task force looking at the advancement of pharmacy technicians in the community practice setting. Following dinner, the presentation of new members for pinning and the candlelight ceremony were completed. Afterwards, the installation of the new officers was performed. In closing, the Dean of the College of Pharmacy gave concluding remarks and congratulations to the students and their attending family and friends.

**Evaluation/Reflection**:

During this academic year, our Chapter continued the various programs set by our predecessors and initiated new community activities and fundraising opportunities. With these events, we allowed our Chapter to increase its presence in the College of Pharmacy and community as leaders who have obtained academic excellence. Funds from our three fundraisers allowed our Chapter to pay for banquet costs, including catering, venue, and floral arrangements, and the entirety of the cost of purchasing graduation stoles for the Class of 2018 members. Due to the Chapter’s strategic planning to ascertain more funds from TAMUK, initial funding increased to $2,000.00, compared to the $1,250.00 received from the past two years. Our community presence increased through various activities that included the 1st Annual Backpack Donation Drive, 1st Annual Texas Children’s Hospital Book Donation Drive, 1st Annual Rho Chi Society and Phi Lambda Sigma Charity Breakfast Fundraiser, and 1st Annual ‘Petals with Purpose’

Donation Event. The expansion of the tutoring program permitted the continuation of past activities. For example, weekly general tutoring and one-on-one tutoring were offered to both campuses, with private Rho Chi tutors available on the College Station campus for the first time. Additionally, the EC hosted a “Tackling P1 Year with Rho Chi” informational session for first year students wherein advice regarding difficult subjects and time management were shared to ease their transition into the pharmacy program. The majority of students who utilized these tutoring opportunities reported better understanding of course material and improved grades. Incoming members were encouraged to participate in the tutoring program for a smoother transition between years. Our CV review and mock interviews served as a guide for students preparing for internship interviews and P4 rotations. Our officer transition process was further improved following revision of the comprehensive officer handbook and Chapter Activity forms. These two items continue to serve as a guide for the new officers with various timelines, projects, and contact information. Our Chapter collaborated with various student organizations to coordinate and execute the Kleberg County Health Fair, CV review, and mock interviews, such as Phi Lambda Sigma, Phi Delta Chi, Kappa Psi, APhA, SSHP, and NCPA. In addition to expanding our role in the community, our Chapter also focused on recognizing our dedicated members by continuing two traditions: the Rho Chi Member Appreciation Award and graduation stoles. Our members were very active as members and leaders in other student organizations, which limited the time available to expend on additional community outreach projects. The new members in Kingsville and College Station look forward to expanding the pre-exam review courses, improving the community outreach projects, and increasing fundraising opportunities. For example, our Chapter endeavors to organize a formal training program, directed by the Texas A&M University Success Center, for Rho Chi tutors during the 2017-2018 academic year. We believe our Rho Chi Gamma Omega Chapter will continue to expand and further our presence in the College of Pharmacy and local community over the next year.

**Other information**:

The Texas A&M University Academic Success Center sponsors a resource referred to as ‘StudyHUB’ to connect students to available study resources through its searchable database. During the Fall 2016 semester, the Executive Committee contacted the Academic Success Center to arrange the incorporation of the tutoring events sponsored by our Chapter into the database. The Rho Chi Gamma Omega Chapter is now prominently featured with its own webpage, which includes a schedule of updated tutoring events and pertinent contact information. This information is available to any interested student within the Texas A&M System. The webpage is available for viewing at http://studyhub.tamu.edu/Location.