

Annual Chapter Report Outline

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

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Chapter Name & region: Gamma Omega Chapter, Region IV – Gulf Coast

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Introduction

The Rho Chi Gamma Omega Chapter at Texas A&M University- Irma Lerma Rangel College of Pharmacy had an excellent academic year with a variety of achievements we are proud of. We strived for excellence, success, and new innovations, all of which we believe that we have achieved through our community, academic, and professional involvements. We initiated a tutor training program, accelerated the initiation process of our succeeding year's members, increased the presence of our current members within the college through participation in school events, raised money to keep our chapter financially strong, and continued our tradition of a memorable initiation banquet at the end of the year. We incorporated our College Station campus into every applicable event, meeting, and fundraiser and had two representative students at the College Station campus to facilitate this. Overall, this year was quite successful for our chapter and we look forward to what is to come during the next academic year with our newly initiated members.

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

Date	Attendance	Agenda	Action Steps
2017-09-22	12 members	1. Tutoring updates and scheduling 2. Fundraising and Title 1 school outreach 3. Future goals for banquet 4. New member deadlines and graduation stoles for our class	1. Schedule a tutor for upcoming exam-review sessions and general tutoring. 2. Fundraising options: leather padfolios.
2017-10-27	10 members	1. Fundraising updates 2. Tutoring updates	1. Schedule a tutor for upcoming exam-review sessions and general tutoring. 2. Select title 1 school. Schedule Hurricane Harvey bake sale for the following month.
	26 members	1. Approval of new members. 2. Discuss timeline for new members including officer elections and installation banquet Tutoring updates and scheduling	1. Approve new members of class of 2020. 2. Receive nominations for new officers. 3. Prepare electronic election ballots. 4. Installation Banquet is to be held on Friday April 13, 2018.
	15 members	1. New officer speeches leading into elections	1. Record speeches to provide access to all members to view. 2. Hold election

process for 7 days. 3.Results for the
2018-2019 EC: President- Shannon
Walter Vice President- Tzuchen Jou
Secretary- Ifeyinwa Nwolisa Treasurer-
Brianna Ruiz Historian- Victoria Chapa

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

Our Chapter entered into the 2017-2018 academic year with several goals. The Executive Committee desired to continue improving upon the success and innovation from the previous year. Our first goal was to train our upcoming tutors in order to improve the tutoring sessions that Rho Chi offers to students. To provide tutor training the Texas A&M University Academic Success Center was contacted and provided a presentation by a trained representative. Our second goal was to measurably increase the number of students interacted with over the course of the year relative to last year. In order to increase attendance of future students, the executive committee held an information booth during orientation and offered the opportunity for P1s to sign up for a personal tutor during the school year. Our third goal was to accelerate the timeline for notification of new P2 members of their invitation to the honor society. Our college holds internship interviews in early February, and wanted to give new members the opportunity to highlight their achievement to future employers. Our chapter continued fundraisers that included selling of padfolios for interviews and other school-sponsored merchandise such as coffee tumblers and car decals. In order to keep the integration of the College Station campus, two officers were represented at the location. These officers held the College Station cohort accountable for the goals set forth by the Chapter. To facilitate the execution of our goals as a collective chapter, there was constant communication between the officers of both campuses for all activities, fundraisers, and meetings.

Activities

Intellectual Leadership Activities:

1. Tutor Training from the Texas A&M Academic Success Center
 - a. Tutor Training provided by the Academic Success Center of Texas A&M University's Lindsey Randolph. This 3-hour training program discussed learning theory, study habits, and tutoring approaches.
 - b. This program promoted future academic excellence
 - c. New initiative, 1st year in Kingsville and College Station campus
 - d. 12 Kingsville Students, 11 College Station Students were offered this tutoring training
 - e. All attendees were impacted by this program and were encouraged to implement new strategies in future tutoring encounters
2. The Rho Chi Tutoring Program
 - a. Rho Chi participated in general tutoring every Wednesday and pre-exam reviews were offered for Cardiology, Basic Pharmacokinetics, Pharmaceutical Calculations, Drug Action II, Biochemistry, Self-Care, Endocrinology, Immunology, and Neurology. During orientation, the executive committee identified the interest in individual tutoring from incoming P1's. After displaying a signup sheet for individual tutors, P1s were contacted and polled to gauge interest in individual tutoring, both if desired, and in what course(s).

- b. This Program promoted academic excellence and encouraged intellectual achievement
- c. 11th year for Kingsville campus, 4th year for College Station campus
- d. Feedback from sessions allowed us to tailor sessions, incoming Rho Chi members from Class of 2020 were involved in tutoring to ensure continuity
- e. 12 Kingsville Students, 11 College Station Students were involved with tutoring
- f. Tutoring was offered to P1, P2, and P3 students

College of Pharmacy Events:

1. Rho Chi Graduation Stoles
 - a. Graduation stoles were purchased to recognize members
 - b. This activity recognizes intellectual achievement among our members
 - c. Ongoing activity for 3 years
 - d. 23 members were impacted
 - e. Our chapter paid 100% of the cost
2. Faculty and Staff Appreciation Luncheon
 - a. Our Chapter's members donated homemade food to recognize the faculty and staff at the College of Pharmacy
 - b. This event promoted collaboration with other student organizations
 - c. Ongoing activity for 5 years
 - d. This luncheon served the faculty and staff on the Kingsville and College Station campuses
3. Community Outreach to Title 1 School Oak Park Elementary
 - a. After Hurricane Harvey, over 150 various school supply were provided to this underserved school
 - b. New initiative, 1st year
4. Reach Out and Read
 - a. Book Drive
 - i. collection of over 50 lightly used books from both Kingsville and College Station campuses and sent to the organization to be distributed to elementary-middle school students. Ongoing activity for 2 years.
 - b. Joint bake sale with Phi Lambda Sigma
 - i. Based on donations and contributions, \$210.00 was raised for Reach Out and Read by both organizations
5. Kleberg County Health Fair
 - a. Employees from the City of Kingsville and Kleberg County received free health care screenings, influenza vaccinations, and education regarding the importance of a healthy lifestyle. Health care services included blood pressure, blood glucose, A1c, and cholesterol screenings.
 - b. Rho Chi members were distributed across various stations to maximize the Chapter's presence.
 - c. Ongoing activity for 3 years
6. 'Bake-Our-Way Back to School' Bake School
 - a. Based on donations and contributions, \$150.00 was raised for Hurricane Harvey victims in the Aransas County ISD.
 - b. This event promoted rebuilding of an environment which promotes academic literacy, excellence, and encouragement to a community which was in need.
 - c. Ongoing activity for 2 years
7. Rho Chi and Phi Lambda Sigma 'Petals with Purpose' Donation

- a. Flower arrangements from the Installation Banquet were donated the following day to the residents of the Kingsville Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.
- b. This community service event fostered collaboration with the pharmacy leadership society and promoted the highest ethical standards for application to the community.

Fundraising Events:

- 1. Leather Padfolios, Yeti tumblers, car decals
 - a. Featured the Texas A&M College of Pharmacy logo
 - b. Ongoing activities for 3 years
 - c. 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.

Financial Budgeting

A projected budget for the 2017-2018 year was presented to the Assistant Dean for Finance and Administration for approval. Based on need, Rho Chi was awarded \$1,500 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 \$6,574, which subsequently increased due to new membership dues and paid guest banquet tickets. The balance for the Chapter Account at the beginning of the 2017 year was \$1689.79, and this increased due to successful fundraising events. Three merchandise fundraiser, which include the beverage tumblers, padfolios, and car decals along with several food fundraisers resulted in a total of \$1,146.06 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 Oak Park Elementary School's school supply donation and Aransas County ISD's Hurricane Harvey donation. Furthermore, all profits from the Reach Out and Read Bake sale were donated directly to the Reach Out & Read program. The ending account balances are \$0.00 (TAMUK), \$7,308.00 (TAMHSC), and \$1,579.04 (Chapter Account), totaling \$8,887.04.

Please see the "Budget Charts" document for further details.

Financial/Budgeting:

TAMUK ACCOUNT

ITEM	DEBIT	CREDIT	BALANCE	COMMENTS
Incoming Balance from 2016-2017		\$0.00	\$0.00	No residual funds from 2016-2017 academic year per Ms. Knudsen on 8/30/17

TAMUK Funding		\$1,500.00	\$1,500	Per Russell on 10/23/17
Initiation Banquet Supplies	\$1,500.00		\$0.00	56.35% of the initiation banquet supplies paid by Rho Chi (PLS paying the other 43.65%) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Floral arrangements: \$384.21 - Catering: \$1115.79

TAMHSC ACCOUNT

ITEM	DEBIT	CREDIT	BALANCE	COMMENTS
Incoming Balance from 2015-2016		\$6,574.00	\$6,574.00	Per Ms. Cuellar on 8/28/17
New Membership Dues		\$3,150.00	\$9,724.00	\$150 per member
New Initiate Membership	\$1,627.50		\$8,096.50	Fees, Certificates, Cords for 21 members.
P4 Award Medallion	\$25.00		\$8,071.50	
Banquet Guest Tickets		\$750.00	\$8,821.50	\$25/ticket. If inducted in both PLS & PX = 1 free guest. Faculty & Current members free.
Graduation Stoles for Class of 2019	\$901.50		\$8601.50	23 stoles ordered
Reimbursement for APhA Registration	\$392.00		\$7,700.00	Reimbursement for Russell Clark

Banquet Chair Covers	\$220.00		\$7,308.00	
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CHAPTER ACCOUNT

ITEM	DEBIT	CREDIT	BALANCE	COMMENTS
Incoming Balance from 2016-2017		\$2037.29	\$2037.29	In Money Bag
Remaining banquet fees from 2016-2017	\$347.50		\$1689.79	Remaining payments for the previous year's banquet taken care of during the first week of school in August 2017
Tumblers Sale		\$400.00	\$2089.79	\$400.00 profit only due to selling previous year's remaining tumblers
Padfolio Purchase	\$488.07		\$1601.72	
Car Decal Purchase	\$140.92		\$1460.80	
Padfolio & Car Decal Sale		\$880.00	\$2340.80	\$251.01 profit
Hurricane Harvey Back to School Bake Sale		\$139.87	\$2480.67	Donation rounded up to \$150.00
Hurricane Harvey Donation	\$150.00		\$2330.67	

School Supply Donation to Oak Park Elementary	\$200.00		\$2130.67	
Padfolio Resale		\$325.00	\$2455.67	\$325.00 profit
Car Decal Resale		\$20.00	\$2475.67	\$20.00 profit
Reach Out & Read Donations Received by Rho Chi/PLS		\$105.00	\$2580.67	50% split of \$210.00 profit of donations with PLS
Reach Out & Read Donation	\$105.00		\$2475.67	
Remaining Banquet Catering	\$644.41		\$1831.26	
Remaining Banquet Fees (non-catering)	\$250.00		\$1581.26	
Total spending on food fundraisers 2017-2018	\$180.87		\$1401.39	Food and supplies for food fundraisers throughout year
Food fundraising sales throughout year		\$340.92	\$1742.31	\$150.05 profit on food sales (non-donation)
Food for last meeting	\$45.27		\$1697.04	
Shipping fee for Reach Out and Read Books	\$88.00		\$1609.04	Flat Rate Large Box x 5
Poster for Student Orientation	\$30.00		\$1579.04	

FINAL BALANCE			\$1579.04	
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Installation Function

Per administration request, the Rho Chi Society and Phi Lambda Sigma collaborated to host a combined Installation Banquet. Each society adhered to their respective rituals to welcome new members of each society. The installation banquet was held on April 13, 2018 in the Henrietta Memorial Center at the King Ranch Museum located in Kingsville, Texas. New members from the College Station campus travelled to join on this date. Attendees included Rho Chi initiates and their families/guests, some current student-members and their families/guests, some Faculty members, Deans, school staff, and Phi Lambda Sigma initiates, student members, faculty members and guests. The Guest Speaker was Ms. Debra Garza, current CEO of the Texas Pharmacy Association. Following dinner, the presentation of new members for pinning and candlelight ceremony was completed. Then, the installation of new officers was performed. The installation banquet ended with remarks from the Dean of the College of Pharmacy, congratulating the students and their guests.

Evaluation/Reflection

The tutor training was successful, but 3 hours at one time was a significant amount of time to devote to an evening. It was also mentioned by Ms. Randolph (who provided the training), that the normal program that she gives is 8 hours over two days. If this activity is to be done again, I would suggest that it perhaps be done over 2 days as well; perhaps 2 hours over two days. This could require some homework on the trainees, and the multiday aspect would probably require the training to occur earlier in the year as not to interfere with exam schedules. In either case, multiple members who attended the training session stated that it was helpful, gave them more confidence in their tutoring abilities, and taught them something that they did not know about learning.

Identifying interest from P1's gathered a lot of responses, so that was a success in terms of number of students contacted. However, the large number of respondents was probably due to initial fear and panic over a curriculum such as pharmacy school. Multiple P1s stated they wanted help in every course, which led our EC to consider that the beginning of the year might not be the best representation of need-of-tutoring. A better way to reach students may be a series of 'student-training' sessions where Rho Chi tutors have study workshops, not devoted to a specific course, but on how to learn again. This may be particularly effective for those students who have taken several years between undergraduate studies and pharmacy school.

Community outreach to Oak Park Elementary was a success. The materials were easily procured and delivered to the school. The school administration was very pleased, if not relieved, to have

the added materials. Additionally, our organization helped Aransas County ISD with its recovery process after Hurricane Harvey, a natural disaster that wiped out many schools in the South Texas Region.

Rho Chi's joint participation with Phi Lambda Sigma, Kappa Psi, APhA, SSHP, and NCPA at the Kleberg County Health Fair expanded our role in the community and helped us to focus on patient care as well as servicing our community. Participating Rho Chi members continued our tradition of having a significant presence at this annual local event. Additionally, our compassion for our community was represented through our joint donation with Phi Lambda Sigma of flowers to the Kingsville Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Both events were a success.

Rho Chi Tutoring was an anecdotal success. While measuring numbers to last year was our goal, we realized that methods of data collection were inconsistent and therefore difficult to validate. I truly believe that our organization, this year, had more student-encounters than last year, but I cannot back this data up with hard numbers. Many tutoring sessions, including individual, general, and pre-exam, were fairly well attended. Once in a while, general sessions would have very poor attendance, but those gaps corresponded with exam schedules of both P1s and P2s. In the future, I would like to see improve is the consistency of collection of attendance, as well as method of collection. Our chapter did recognize a "Tutor of the Year" by presenting a certificate to the Rho Chi tutor that was most involved with tutoring sessions.

We had another successful "Reach-Out and Read" book collection this year. Future collections should try to overlap with Thanksgiving or Spring break holidays to allow students to travel home and collect used books. We were also fortunate to collect an impressive amount of monetary donations through our joint bake sale with Phi Lambda Sigma, which we were also happy to donate to the Reach Out and Read program.

Other Information

N/A