



The Rho Chi Society

Annual Chapter Report: 2017-2018

Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy, Loma Linda, California

Gamma Rho Chapter, Region VIII

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### **New Officers 2018-2019: Inducted 6/14/2018**

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### **Number of Rho Chi Student Members:**

<b>Pharm.D.</b>	<b>Number of Students</b>
Class of 2018	16
Class of 2019	13
Class of 2020	<i>TBD</i>

### **Introduction**

The Rho Chi mission is to encourage and recognize intellectual achievement, stimulate critical inquiry, and foster collaboration, in order to advance pharmacy through intellectual leadership. The goals set by the Gamma Rho Chapter included establishing a stronger presence within the School of Pharmacy and develop intellectual and active leaders. During the 2017-2018

year, we hosted 3 general meetings this year: Navigating Pharmacy School, Academi-WHAAT?, and Interviewing 101. Through our health outreaches, we promoted the professional of pharmacy, demonstrating the role pharmacists through philanthropic events, such as blood pressure and bone density screenings, brown bagging, and educating the community on various health topics. Our primary topic at health fairs was pain management, focusing on OTC and non-pharmacological interventions. Additionally, given the relevance of opioids in society, we discussed the use, and misuse of prescription opioids. Lastly, with the support of our School of Pharmacy, we developed the Tutoring Learning Center, a dedicated place on campus where fellow pharmacy students can seek academic mentorship from Rho Chi members on a daily basis. Through the leadership in the organization, and the involvement of all its members, Gamma Rho Chapter of Rho Chi society has taken a substantially more involved role in the school and in the community.

General Meetings:

<i><b>Date</b></i>	<i><b>Attendance</b></i>	<i><b>Agenda</b></i>	<i><b>Action Steps</b></i>
9/7/2017	80	LLUSP Student Leadership Meeting among all student and faculty organization leaders.	Plan organization events and outreaches for the year. Define officers' roles and delegate responsibilities, to ensure all tasks are completed by the allotted time.
9/15/2017	15	Member tutoring orientation with Dr. Willie Davis, Ph.D., Director of Academic Support	Introduce tutors and students to SetMore, an online appointment calendar service. Discuss the goals and expectations of our free peer-tutoring services.
9/19/2017	25	Fall quarter health fair planning with all organization chapter presidents and faculty advisor	Plan a pharmacy student-led community health fair for October, to be held at YMCA in Highland, CA. Rho Chi took on the topic of pain management.
9/27/2017	14	Fall quarter member meeting to discuss goals, and plan events and outreach for the fall quarter	Discuss the restructuring of current tutoring service, and the creation of Tutoring Learning Center. Proposed idea of designing a Rho Chi jacket, in order to increase Rho Chi presence at LLU.
1/18/2018	14	Winter quarter member	Plan "Academi-WHAAT?" general meeting and reach

		meeting to plan events	out to faculty members to join the panel. Discuss the initiation of Tutoring Learning Center and restructuring of tutoring sign-ups to Canvas. Distribute of Rho Chi jackets.
3/1/2018	25	Spring quarter health fair planning with all organization chapter presidents and faculty advisor	Rho Chi, along with AMCP and NCPA will create and organize spring quarter health outreach events for all LLUSP students during Spring Quarter. Rho Chi specifically will organize health fairs at LLUMC 16th Annual PossAbilities Triathlon, and LLUCH Family 5k Fun Run.
4/16/2018	14	Spring quarter general meeting to plan events and outreach for winter quarter	Plan “ <i>Interviewing 101</i> ” general meeting and invite LLU residency program director to be speaker. Organize and lead spring health fairs at TELACU and CSUSB. Discuss Honors and Awards ceremony and induction banquet. Ask members to nominate Outstanding Member of the Year
5/30/2018	TBD	Meeting to welcome new inductees. Newly inducted members will give speeches for their candidacy and all members will vote.	Pass down information and documentation to the new board member. Establish and strengthen communication with the new members. Discuss agenda of induction banquet. Receive feedback from students and tutors regarding Tutoring Learning Center

### **Strategic Planning**

*Goal #1:* Establish a stronger presence within the School of Pharmacy and within the community, encouraging collaboration with other organizations and open doors for future partnerships.

*Goal #2:* Enhance the quality of academic support offered to students by creating the Tutoring Learning Center, and adapting our service based on student needs and feedback.

### Activities

Gamma Rho Chapter, Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy Activity Table								
Category of activities	Title	Brief Description	How Does This Activity Align with Rho Chi Mission Statement?	Years Ongoing?	If Activity Ongoing for >1 Year, What Evaluations Have Been Done?	Members Participate	Students Impacted	Financial
Intellectual Leadership Activities	Tutoring Learning Center	Our Rho Chi tutors staff in our newly developed Tutoring Learning Center every week, offering approximately 250 hours of tutoring each quarter. We offer appointment and drop-in peer-tutoring service offered free to all students.	<i>Encourages intellectual achievement.</i>  Mentor students to help them achieve academic success, and encourage critical thinking	14	Each participating student is asked to completed a feedback survey to evaluate success of Tutoring Learning Center	13	50	N/A

College of Pharmacy Event	School Organization Membership Fair	Introduced to first-year students about Rho Chi Society, and presented a poster of the Society's mission, membership criteria, and upcoming events. Advertised free tutoring service to first year student.	<i>Fosters collaboration.</i>  Students learned how to be involved in professional organizations, and encouraged to excel academically	6	Officers participated in the construction of the poster, and attended the membership fair to answer questions that students might have	8	75	N/A
Patient Outreach Events/ Community Service	LLUSP Health Fair at YMCA in Highland, CA	School-wide health fair. Educated community members on OTC and non-pharmacological pain management options, while mentored 6 first-year students attending their first health fair.	<i>Fosters collaboration</i>  We served the community through collaboration with school and local organizations,	6	Given expanded pharmacy practice in California, we educated on the use and misuse of prescription opioids, as well as the use of opioid reversal agent, naloxone	5	100+	N/A
College of Pharmacy Events	"Navigating Pharmacy School"	Offered advice to first-year students on how to navigate through pharmacy school, by dispelling myths, and sharing tips. Had chapter member representation from all	<i>Encourages intellectual achievement.</i>  Encourage networking among students and chapter members. Reinforced	1	N/A	8	15	N/A

		organizations and background to best connect with students	availabilities of chapter members as mentors and tutors					
Patient Outreach Events/ Community Service	TELACU Hacienda health outreach	Health outreach at local, low-income senior housing facility. Provided blood pressure and bone density screening, brown-bagging, and Medicare enrollment advice.	<i>Promotes highest ethical standards</i>  Promote the profession of pharmacy, by serving the local community.	6	Assisted the residents in navigating the complex system of Medicare Part D enrollment.	4	20	N/A
College of Pharmacy Event	“Academi-WHAAT?”	Collaborated with American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP) student chapter in creating a faculty panel, with the objective of familiarizing students with what it takes to pursue academia in the profession of pharmacy.	<i>Stimulates critical inquiry to advance pharmacy</i>  Improve awareness regarding academia in pharmacy, and expose students to different career paths	1	N/A	13	55	Lunch: \$62.86
Patient Outreach Events/ Community Service	Loma Linda University Children's Hospital Family Fitness Fun 5K	Collaborated with California Society of Health-System Pharmacists student chapter in educating	<i>Promotes highest ethical standards</i>  Promote the profession of	1	N/A	4	100+	N/A

	Run/Walk & Expo 2018	attendees about poison prevention	pharmacy, by serving the local community.					
Patient Outreach Events/ Community Service	16th Annual PossAbilities Triathlon	Organized event for 2 other organizations (AMCP, NCPA)	<i>Promotes highest ethical standards</i>  Promote profession of pharmacy, by serving local community.	1	N/A	2	100+	N/A
College of Pharmacy Event	Outstanding Member of the Year nomination	Rho Chi members are asked nominate a fellow member who went above and beyond in serving the organization. Received four nominations; one winner was selected and will be recognized at our Annual Induction Banquet	<i>Recognizes intellectual achievement; promotes highest ethical standards</i>  Encourage member involvement, and recognition of leadership in the organization.	3	N/A	13	13	N/A
Patient Outreach Events/ Community Service	Redlands Market Night health outreach	Provide blood pressure screening and present informational poster on Pain Management at local market night, with over 150+ vendors.	<i>Promotes highest ethical standards</i>  Promote the profession of pharmacy, by serving	6	N/A	TBD	TBD	N/A



			the local community.					
Patient Outreach Events/Community Service	California State University, San Bernardino 2nd Annual Chasing Our Dreams 5K	School-wide health fair. Educated community members on OTC and non-pharmacological pain management options.	<i>Promotes highest ethical standards</i>  Promote the profession of pharmacy, by serving the local community	1	N/A	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>	N/A
Intellectual Leadership Activities	“Interviewing 101: Investigating the Intricacies of Interviews”	Collaborating with ACCP student chapter in inviting LLUSP residency director, Dr. Norm Hamada, to explain how to prepare for interviews, with a focus on residency.	<i>Stimulates critical inquiry to advance pharmacy; Fosters collaboration</i>  Prepare our students for interviews, learn about the residency programs	1	N/A	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>
College of Pharmacy Event	Honors and Awards Ceremony	Announce and recognize new Rho Chi member inductees at a school-wide Honors and Awards Ceremony.	<i>Encourages and recognizes intellectual achievement</i>	N/A	N/A	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>	N/A
College of Pharmacy	Rho Chi Induction Banquet	Annual banquet to induct the new	<i>Encourages and recognizes</i>			<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>

Event		members. Recognize Outstanding Member of the Year and reflect on past year. Guest speaker: Victor Law, R.Ph.	<i>intellectual achievement</i>  Recognize the academic achievement of the new members, as well as encourage leadership					
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### Financial Budgeting

At the beginning of the 2017-2018 academic year, the Rho Chi account balance was \$10,514.24. All account expense and deposits were recorded and signed for by the Faculty Advisor, President, and Treasurer. Expenses included materials for Tutoring Learning Center, food during general meetings, delegate reimbursement, banquet expenses and purchase of Rho Chi jackets, for members to proudly show their affiliation with Rho Chi Society. Through a partnership with LLUSP, much of the balance in Rho Chi account is supported through the school, compensating for our member's dedicated involvement in the Tutoring Learning Center.

	9/17/17	Starting Balance	10514.24
Expense	11/13/2017	White boards & markers	-51.36
Expense	12/31/2017	Rho Chi Jackets	-2899.98
Expense	1/18/2018	Winter meeting lunch: In & Out	-62.86
Expense	4/2018	Rho Chi conference delegate reimbursement	-1788.33
Expense		c/o 2020 Initiation fee	-780
Expense		Rho Chi medallions	-400

<i>Proposed expense</i>	<i>TBD</i>	Spring meeting lunch	-50
<i>Proposed expense</i>	<i>TBD</i>	Banquet: venue and food	-1700
		<b>Ending balance</b>	<b>2781.47</b>
<i>Projected earning</i>		Tutoring earnings from 2017-2018	7000
		<b>Starting balance for next year</b>	<b>9781.47</b>

### Initiation Function

Prior to the initiation, a meeting will be held with current and new Gamma Rho chapter members. During this meeting, the new inductees are congratulated for their academic achievement, and learn about the mission of Rho Chi Society. After the introduction, the members will have an opportunity to give a speech and run for a board position, in which all Gamma Rho members will vote.

The Gamma Rho chapter Initiation Banquet will take place on Thursday, the 14th of June, at the Wong Kerlee International Conference Center at Loma Linda University, in Loma Linda, CA. Expected attendees will include all current officers, current members, new inducted members and family and friends, faculty advisor, guest speaker, School of Pharmacy faculty and staff. Dinner will be provided to all attendees, while a slideshow will be looping, showcasing the involvement of Rho Chi members in the school and in the community. The keynote speaker is Victor Law, R.Ph., President of Alpha Medical Pharmacy, Vice President of California State Board of Pharmacy, and Rho Chi member from University of Oklahoma. Mr. Law has shown active involvement in the community, and visible encouragement to students. He will give a presentation focused on becoming a leader and encouraging involvement in the advancement of pharmacy, both as a student and as pharmacists.

The evening will proceed with the induction ceremony of the new members, where they will be presented with certificates, and pins. The new officers will also be installed during the banquet and will be presented to the chapter. The Outstanding Member of the Year will be recognized.

### Evaluation/Reflection

The Rho Chi Honor Society Gamma Rho Chapter focused on reaffirming the greater responsibilities implicated with Rho Chi membership. As the seasons passed, we were able to sow the seed, and establish an organic presence within the School of Pharmacy, while propagating camaraderie among the Gamma Rho chapter members.

Recognizing the role we have as academic and professional leaders, we were passionate to be more involved with our school. Our strategy is to host a general meeting each quarter, opened to all students at our school. To kick off the Fall Quarter, our diverse chapter members performed a Q&A session with the first-year students to help them navigate through the landscape of pharmacy school by pruning myths and planting tips. We had hopes that all the new students feel welcomed in their transition to our school after hearing our sage advices! Stimulating critical inquiry and collaborations are key components of the Rho Chi Society mission. We were overjoyed at the turnout to our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual ACCP & Rho Chi Society Academia Showcase, “*ACADEMI-WHAAT?*” We were extremely excited to have Dr. Rashid Mosavin represent Administration, Dr. Lisa Hong represent Clinical Pharmacy, and our faculty advisor Dr. Maskiewicz represent Pharmaceutical. They all shared their experiences in fertilizing and cultivating the next generation of healthcare professions! Given the success of this meeting, we plan on hosting another general meeting this year, creatively named “*Interviewing 101: Investigating the Intricacies of Interviews*”. We asked the LLUSP residency director, Dr. Norm Hamada, to talk to our students about the extremely important subject of preparing for interviews, and how to set oneself apart from the crowd.

Learning is powerful when it comes from a professor but, it means even more coming from one’s peer. This year, we took a more active role in our peer tutoring on campus in order to achieve our epic mission of advancing intellectual leadership. Through our flourishing relationship with our school, our chapter advanced the integration of the Rho Chi Society members within the School of Pharmacy, through the pollination and germination of the Tutoring Learning Center that serves all students Monday through Thursday. The goal was to allow for Rho Chi Society members to have more opportunities to serve our students academically. We hope that everyone was able to benefit from our more consistent schedule this year!

As leaders and health care providers, we had a goal of contributing back to our community, through participation in health outreaches. Through our involvement in 6 different health outreaches this year, we were able to make an impact in hundreds of community members and patients! We hope to continue strengthening our relationship with local institutions, such as YMCA, TELACU, Redlands Market Night, CSUSB, LLU. Not only did we have the opportunity to educate and talk to the community, but we also fostered networking among students and organizations. We were able to mentor many of the students and introduce them to what we do as Rho Chi members. Since many of these health fairs were done in collaboration with other organizations, we hope to make these events annual opportunities.

This year has been very busy, yet very rewarding! All this would not have been possible without the dedication of our passionate members, resident advisors, Dr. Jane Litwak and Dr. Emily Limberg, and our faculty advisor, Dr. Victoria Maskiewicz. As the year nears the end, we can only remain excited at how our chapter will sprout and blossom under the leadership of the new Rho Chi Society inductees.

### Other Information

Compared to the previous year, our Rho Chi tutoring service underwent a lot of changes. First, we shifted from using individual booking system SetMore to Canvas, the system used by the school to make the appointment with the professors. With the convenience of having only one system to make appointment with both the professors and the tutors, we aimed to target more students to our session. Besides, this allowed the professors to see our availabilities on the system, so that they could refer the students to us when the office hours were too packed. Another highlight that we made for this year was offering the 2 hour-tutoring daily from Monday to Friday at a room reserved for our Rho Chi. With this consistency, we have broadened our availabilities to the students as they could meet us right after classes to discuss the materials that were still fresh in their minds. Our emphasis on each tutoring session was not reteaching the students but rather offering a discussion experience. This created an active learning environment as well as made the student more comfortable to talk to us about their issues. Also, for each session, we provided at least two tutors available to assist the students. The tutoring experiences were either one on one tutoring and or group tutoring if we have a lot of students on that day. The tutors were encouraged to teamwork and assist each other to make sure the students understand the materials and get the best out of the session. In order to evaluate our success, we collected feedback surveys from the students at the end of each tutoring session. We plan to use the data to improve our tutoring services, so that we can best serve our students!