

Annual Chapter Report Outline

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

Date of report submission: 2018-05-14

Name of School/College: Western University of Health Sciences

Chapter Name & region: Gamma Sigma Region VIII

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Introduction

The Gamma Sigma Chapter has continued to advance the mission of Rho Chi via our events throughout the year. As an academic honor society, our main goal is to encourage academic achievement and lifelong learning. During the 2017-2018 year, we achieved this goal with each of our events this year which includes our annual events such as Emergency Preparedness, Academia Week, Faculty Roundtable, Faculty Panel, and Match Me Residency Lecture Series. Along with this we had guest speaker events which acquainted students with the process of research and how to become involved with research in pharmacy.

As we strive to continually grow as a chapter, we have added new events such as Breast Cancer Awareness and Student Tip Day during our term. In addition to these events, we were also able to incorporate various philanthropic events to benefit the community by increasing Rho Chi's involvement in Habitat for Humanity and the Pomona Homeless Outreach Program's Thanksgiving Dinner. With these events we strive to provide insight to students regarding academia and inspire them to pursue new aspirations. We allow students to have an open forum with faculty to garner sufficient knowledge regarding the full range of academia. We also foster collaboration and fellowship amongst our members with our Membership Appreciation event and our Annual Initiation Banquet.

As our term neared its end, the new board was elected among the new initiates before their banquet, and we wanted to make sure that they are well equipped for their incoming term. Therefore, our board held a transition meeting with the new board to ensure that everything is transparent for the next year. We were able to discuss what we found successful during our year and any setbacks that we came across while planning and hosting our events.

With the continued support from not only the executive board but also the members of Rho Chi, we were able to invigorate the campus at Western University to aspire to new heights all while advancing the profession of pharmacy.

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

Date	Attendance	Agenda	Action Steps
2017-04-18	All board members Advisor: Dr. Schwartzman	● Goals and Expectations ● Committee formation: Banquet, Outreach, Fundraising, Academia ● Initiating Project Proposal ● Student Tip Day (09/18/17) ● Back to School Grams Fundraiser ●	● Explain the overall expectation of each member and vision for the year ● Send out E-mail for members to sign up for committees ● Design educational poster for project

		<p>Orientation Week (08/07/17) • PLS Mixer (08/16/17) • Club Day Fundraiser (08/23/17)</p>	<p>proposal • Coordinate and decide dates for future events • Reach out to Rho Chi members and dean's list students to be part of the panel • Contact campus pharmacy organizations to collaborate in upcoming health fairs. • Develop ideas to increase Rho Chi funds. • Rehearse Orientation Week presentation • Prepare and attend PLS Mixer with new and current pharmacy students • Obtain gift for PLS Mixer raffle prize • Determine fundraising idea for Club Day</p>
<p>2017-08-28</p>	<p>All board members Advisor: Dr. Schwartzman</p>	<p>• Student Tip Day (09/18/17) • Faculty Roundtable (11/16/17) • Pad See Ew Fundraiser (09/11/17) • Committee Establishment • Academia Week (11/6-11/10) • Scrubs/Clipboard Fundraiser (09/20/17 – 09/21/17, (10/10/17 – 10/12/17) • Faculty Panel (11/09/17) • Faculty Roundtable (11/16/17) • Academia Week (11/6/17 – 11/10/17) • Food Fundraiser (10/24/17) • Membership Appreciation (10/18/17) • Breast Cancer Awareness (10/25/17)</p>	<p>• Allocate lunch funds for Student Tip Day and promote event on campus • Generate agenda for Student Tip Day • Reserve room for faculty roundtable and e-mail proposed faculty to be in attendance • Allocate budget for Pad See Ew Fundraiser • E-mail proposed faculty to participate in Faculty Panel • Follow up with faculty for Faculty Roundtable • Establish meeting time with Academia Committee to finalize faculty questionnaire • Allocate budget for food fundraiser and membership appreciation • Promote Breast Cancer Awareness booth</p>
<p>2017-10-30</p>	<p>All board members Advisor: Dr. Schwartzman</p>	<p>• “Match Me” Residency Series (11/01/17, 11/29/17, 01/18/17, 04/18/17) • Pocket T-Shirt Fundraiser (11/13/17 – 11/17/17) • WesternU College of Pharmacy Rx Bound</p>	<p>• Allocate budget for Food Fundraiser (11/06/2017, 12/04/17), “Match Me” • Allocate budget for Faculty Panel and T-Shirt Fundraiser • Finalize Faculty panel agenda and food orders • Review and submit event article for Rx Bound • Set up tabling times for Pocket T-Shirt Fundraiser • Send out reminders for Faculty</p>

2017-11-13	All board members Advisor: Dr. Schwartzman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faculty Roundtable (11/16/17) • PHOP Thanksgiving Dinner (11/23/17) • Initiation Banquet (04/26/18) • Scrub Flash Sale • “Match Me” Residency Series (11/29/17) • Habitat for Humanity (12/02/17, 12/09/17) 	<p>Panel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allocate budget for Faculty Roundtable • Finalize décor, refreshments, and itinerary for Faculty Roundtable • Send out email for volunteers for PHOP Thanksgiving Dinner • Look for affordable venues for Initiation Banquet • E-mail potential keynote speakers for banquet • Promote flash sale to Western University Colleges • Allocate budget for “Match Me” Residency Series Lecture 2 • Send out e-mail to sign up for Habitat for Humanity volunteering
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Strategic Planning: What goals were set that relate to the Rho Chi mission?

During the 2017-2018 school year, the Rho Chi Gamma Sigma Chapter strived to uphold the organization’s mission: to encourage and recognize intellectual achievement, to stimulate critical inquiry for pharmacy advancement, and to contribute to the development of leaders in academia. We sought to continue the successful activities maintained by our predecessors, and to advance our community service activities to provide services to the underserved population.

To showcase and recognize intellectual achievements accomplished by our esteemed faculty, we upheld “Academia Week” this year with a “Sesame Street” theme. The two key events for Academia Week are our Faculty Panel and Faculty Roundtable, both of which were met with resounding positive feedback. To stimulate critical inquiry for pharmacy advancement, we set the goal of continuing our “Match Me Residency Series” to give a four-lecture series about residency. The speakers included our own advisor, Dr. Emmanuelle Schwartzman and the CSHP advisor, Dr. Patrick Chan, the residency directors at our school. These lectures provided insight on the ins and outs of the residency process, interview tips, and strategies to become a strong candidate. We sought to advance our visibility in community service by collaborating with other organizations to give back to the underserved local communities. Rho Chi has partnered up with the Pomona Homeless Outreach Program to hold the “Pomona Thanksgiving Feast”, as well as collaborate with the organizations on campus in Habitat for Humanity to rebuild homes in the Pomona Valley.

While our ongoing events helped us uphold many points of the Rho Chi mission, we felt that we could improve in developing leaders in Academia. Therefore, we established our new event called “Student Tip Day” to provide efficient study strategies to the students at WesternU. By incorporating these study habits during their time at WesternU, these students will be able to improve academically and become better candidates for the path of Academia. Also, for all of our events, we requested feedback from our attendees at the end of each event.

None of these goals would have been met without the assistance of our committees as well as our advisor. Through the support of our Rho Chi members and the guidance from our advisor, our board was able to continue hosting successful events, fulfill the goals that we had set to uphold the Rho Chi mission, and to advance our services to the community.

Activities

Member Appreciation Day (Ongoing)

Every year, the Rho Chi executive board shows its appreciation to all our members on campus for their undoubted support and participation in our events. This year, we decided to treat all of our members to a little something sweet and got each member a tea drink from the bakery 85C Bakery Cafe. Each member was sent a form to fill out via E-mail with their preference of drink. On October 18th, members of our board went to purchase drinks, and had a chance to hand deliver them to each of our members. We were greeted with smiles and thanks from everybody. It was the least we could do for all the support that our members continually give us throughout the year. The annual Membership Appreciation Day gives us a chance to acknowledge our members who may not have an executive board position, as well as foster fellowship among its members.

Match Me Residency Lecture Series (Ongoing)

WesternU's Match Me Residency Lecture Series continues to draw the attention and attendance of all students in the College of Pharmacy. This was the 3rd year this lecture series has taken place. For the previous 2 years, Rho Chi has partnered up with California Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists, but this year was our first year hosting the series alone. This was a huge undertaking for our board, as we would now have to plan and fund each lecture with our own board and budget. However, our board was able to execute the task at hand and generate an attendance of over 200 students over the course of the four-lecture series. The Match Me Residency Series aims to educate students about residency and the steps they need to take to make themselves a better candidate. Each hour-long lecture gradually went more in depth regarding the path of residency. Students ranging from eager P1s wanting to learn a little more about residency, to P3s really beginning to prepare for the residency process were in attendance. As more pharmacists begin to emerge each and every year, this lecture aims to keep our students competitive by demonstrating what they could do starting from the very beginning of pharmacy school throughout their scholarly career.

The first lecture, hosted by Dr. Emmanuelle Schwartzman on November 1st, 2017, gave a very brief introduction to what routes there are after pharmacy school such as residency and fellowship, and what kind of careers each of these paths may take you. The next lecture also hosted by Dr. Schwartzman on November 29th, 2017 delved a little deeper than the first lecture. She gave students insight on the residency application process, broke down what should be included in a letter of intent, and explained how to approach seeking letters of recommendations. The third lecture in the series which took place on January 11, 2018 was also hosted by Dr. Schwartzman. She went over the interviewing process, site visits, and the mysteries of the ranking and match system. WesternU's Dr. Patrick Chan hosted the series' fourth lecture on January 18, 2018. His lecture was aimed towards each student in the audience who truly want to pursue residency by explaining what they should be doing as a P1, P2, or P3 to make themselves the best candidate possible for the match.

We aim that our Match Me Residency Lecture Series is something that future boards continue to uphold for years to come. It has been an event that has continually gained student interest year after year and is the only college-wide event that provides our students with this kind of vital information. However, we still hope that student turnout continues to grow more and more over the years. The executive board has received excellent feedback regarding the series this year, and that each lecture was able to teach students so much that they would have never learned. A potential goal for the future would be having current or past resident guest speakers come and share their journeys towards residency and give their own personal insight.

Academia Week (Ongoing)

From November 6th to November 10th of 2017, the Gamma Sigma Chapter kicked off its 7th annual Academia Week. This event, held annually, celebrates the academic achievements of the faculty at WesternU. It is a week where our students may become acquainted with the professors on a professional as well as personal level. Many students do not see the full picture of being a professor of pharmacy and lack an understanding of how to enter the field of academia. The main purpose of this event is to familiarize the students with what it takes to pursue academia in the profession of pharmacy. Giving the students this type of exposure will allow them to make well informed decisions on what path their career will follow in the future.

Each year an overarching theme is chosen to frame the week and get students as well as faculty more excited for the event. In order to reignite the childhood excitement of our students and faculty, the theme was appropriately chosen to be “Sesame Street”. The halls were adorned with everyone’s favorite characters from the show, giving the halls a sense of nostalgia as everyone passes through. The walls of the hallway were also decorated like roads with street signs of each College of Pharmacy faculty on campus. Each sign contained their biographies, a few questions about their favorite school subjects and childhood memories, and a childhood school photograph. During the entire week, students were able to read through professor biographies to gain insight on how our faculty came to be as well as see a more personal side of them.

The two main events of Academia Week, which will be discussed in more detail, are the Faculty Panel and Faculty Roundtable. Overall, Academia Week was successful in improving awareness regarding academia in pharmacy. Many students reached out to us thanking us for holding the event and stated how creative and informative it was.

Faculty Panel (Ongoing)

On November 16th, 2017, the Gamma Sigma Chapter held its 7th annual Faculty Panel, which was an interactive Q&A session featuring a few of WesternU’s finest professors. The event was designed to give students an opportunity to learn more about each professor’s personal path towards academic pharmacy and their advice for students who are interested in the field.

This year, we were thankful to have Dr. James Scott, Dr. Micah Hata, Dr. Benjamin Malcolm, and Dr. Patrick Chan be part of the panel. Dr. Emmanuelle Schwartzman, our faculty advisor, moderated the event while the executive board members fielded questions from the audience.

To maximize the one-hour lunch period to allow for ample time for the program, we had three Rho Chi members check-in students via electronic sign-in and had two lines for distributing lunch. Two

additional members were located inside of the amphitheater to usher students to their seats in an orderly fashion. Through our efficient set up and check in strategy, we were able to start the event in a timely manner. Once all student attendees were seated, each panel member introduced themselves with a brief history of their academic career. Then, the panel took turns in answering questions from the audience.

The Gamma Sigma Chapter's annual Faculty Panel was a success this year with over 50 students and faculty in attendance. We were pleased with the level of audience participation and the quality of the questions asked by the students.

The Faculty Panel event continues to advocate critical inquiry in all aspects of pharmacy by introducing students to the idea of academic pharmacy as a career. To garner more attention towards academic pharmacy, we hope to promote a larger turnout of students in future years by continuing to showcase and involve our top-quality professors and by making more reminders both online and in class for students to sign up for the event.

Faculty Roundtable (Ongoing)

Following the Faculty Panel event was our 5th Annual Faculty Roundtable, hosted inside the HPC Commons. The Faculty Roundtable enables students to have a more personal interaction with faculty, outside of the classroom. At this event, students can ask their professors questions about their background and specialties, as well as learn about what led them to a career in academia. This event provides an important opportunity to promote academia and interest in lifelong intellectual leadership in pharmacy.

This year, there were seven tables which seated 10 faculty members and 20 pharmacy students. With such limited seating, the Faculty Roundtable provides a more intimate setting for which students can learn more about their professors. The near one-to-one ratio of faculty to student creates a more relaxed and comfortable environment for more introverted students to seek answers to their questions.

The Faculty Roundtable functions as such to allow students to rotate to various tables after a prespecified time, enabling them to speak with all the participating professors. Students were given an ample amount of time to interact each professor as well as partake in the complimentary snacks and refreshments provided. Overall, the event was a success as students felt very welcomed and that the experience was highly beneficial. Students were also encouraged to spend time with professors after the event or during their office hours to continue their discussions as well.

In the future, we hope to be able to secure a date that is more accommodating for students and professors in order to increase turnout while keeping the professor to student ratio as close to one-to-one as possible. This can be achieved through more effective promotion on social media as well as by inviting faculty in person to effectively communicate the importance of the event and that faculty member's participation.

PHOP Thanksgiving Dinner (Ongoing)

This was an event that was planned over the course of a month to supply PHOP with the supplies necessary to feed the homeless on Thanksgiving Day. The major areas that were covered were

volunteers to prepare the food, volunteers to deliver the food, and resources. We coordinated with the PHOP president to see what areas we could help them with. This year, our club sent volunteers to help out at the event on Thanksgiving morning and our volunteers helped package and prepare the food.

One way that we can help more would be for someone on board to do some of the shopping for PHOP. This would save people like Dr. Cundari some time, as he is heavily involved with outreach events with multiple DO organizations as is. The PHOP president this past year should have compiled a list of supplies with estimated prices that are to be passed down to the next board. We can have volunteers purchase some of the items on that list and alleviate some of the burden. In the future, our board is looking forward to help out PHOP in any way we can and continue working with them.

Habitat for Humanity (Ongoing)

Habitat for Humanity was an event that aimed to build homes for Desiderio Homes in San Gabriel Valley in Pasadena, California. It was held on December 2, 2017. It was in collaboration with all the pharmacy organizations in the Western University of Health Sciences College of Pharmacy. Students had the chance to build, paint, fix, and insulate 9 homes for the community. Moreover, students had the opportunity to work with the home owners. It is a very great experience because not only do you get the reward of building these homes, but you also get the satisfaction of working hand in hand with the future homeowners that are highly appreciative. Our chapter will continue building homes for Habitat for Humanity yearly.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month Poster Presentation (New)

This event was done in the interest of women's health and wellness given that October was breast cancer awareness month. Our chapter also wanted to bring more awareness to the public about oral contraceptive services that pharmacists can now provide in recent light of California bill SB-493. At this event, we wanted to cover the benefits and indications of oral contraceptives, having access to them, and answering any misconceptions people may have about using oral contraceptives.

During this event, we set up a poster presentation on campus and educated any students that were interested in our presentation. This included students from the other health professions that were interested in learning more about hormonal contraceptives than their curriculum teaches. Our outreach committee did manage to talk to a few students and answer their questions. Overall this event was a success on that day, but in the future, we would like to bring it forth into our community at other schools and at public events as that was our initial plan. We could not carry out our original plan due to schedule conflicts.

Emergency Preparedness Poster Presentation (Ongoing)

This year our chapter decided to bring back our emergency preparedness poster presentation, which was started in 2013, in light of the recent natural disasters that occurred earlier this year. As prospective health care professionals, we should be ready to assist others in times of emergency and natural disasters. However, this aspect is not really emphasized in our curriculum thus giving us the opportunity for this event.

During this event our community outreach committee set up a poster presentation and educated our fellow students on campus about ways to prepare for emergencies and what to do in event of an emergency. The range of topics included useful items to store on hand, ways to obtain clean drinking water, special populations that may require extra medications in case of emergency, etc. This event ran for two days during lunch and we did engage with several students about this topic and most of them felt like they learned something new which was our main goal of this event.

In the future, we hope that we can improve upon this event by bringing it to the public and also have some supplies on hand to give away in order to engage more people and bring more awareness about this topic.

Student Tip Day (New)

This year our board sought to better develop the students at WesternU into leaders in pharmacy and academia. We decided that we would be able to do so by making sure that our students excel academically and stay motivated in pharmacy school. We produced the event called “Student Tip Day” which was held for the first time on September 18th of 2017.

We gathered a panel of Rho Chi students to discuss what strategies they found to be most effective as well as strategies they would not recommend. The event was held in a Q&A format in which we asked pre-set questions to make sure all the key takeaway messages were addressed. Following the pre-set questions, we opened the floor for questions from the audience so that they have any concerns answered. All the questions were moderated by the chapter president Michael Nguyen and the vice president Jacqueline Onwuzurike.

Over 60 students attended “Student Tip Day”, making it a great success despite being held for the first time. Most of the attending students were first-years who are just starting pharmacy school and nervous about the transition into studying for graduate courses. After the event, many students stated that the event reduced their worries about handling the workload of pharmacy school and that hearing about personal experiences from actual pharmacy students made them feel like they would be able to excel academically as well. We hope to see this event become a part of our ongoing activities next year and for years to come. We also hope that the event is improved every year by tailoring the content of the event to the prevalent concerns of the new students.

Financial Budgeting

1. Back To School Grams: This was a new idea created by the treasurer. The idea was selling back to school totes filled with candy and cards to send to friends as a back to school welcoming in August. The customers were able to customize their own totes to their friends as well as write a personal card in each tote. We priced them at \$3 for 1 or \$5 for 2. Moreover, the board customized totes for the customers for an additional fee of \$1 per tote. We also gave customers 1 entry per tote purchase into a \$25 Visa Gift Card raffle, which was donated by our treasurer. We sold 392 totes for \$1000. We spent \$122.23. We profited \$877.77. This was a successful launch of a new event and our chapter will continue selling “Back to School” Grams yearly.

2. T shirt sale. A surplus of t-shirts from last year were still in stock and were sold in the beginning of the year to empty out the inventory. Each shirt was sold at \$18/unit. Ideas for a new shirt design also came up to sell for a t-shirt fundraiser in the future.

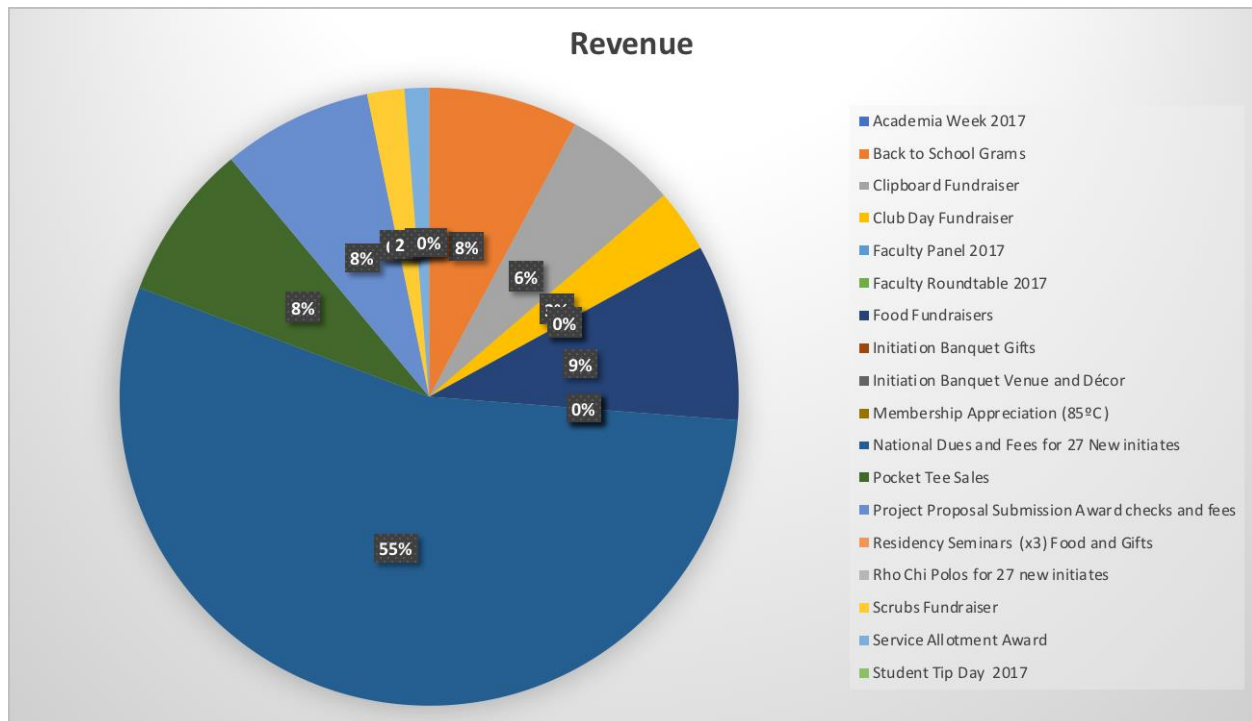
3. Clipboards: Medical clipboards were sold throughout the whole campus for about \$30/unit. These clipboards could be ordered to display specific information useful to certain medical professions. Ranging from pharmacist to nurses, these clipboards were sold to all of the medical colleges within the campus. Each clipboard had a cost of \$20/unit which was negotiated from 3 years ago. We sold about 25 clipboards this year. This was a popular fundraiser in the past, and it continued for this year as well.

4. Scrubs: The medical scrub fundraiser sold fairly well, and it was a fundraiser set up from last year. The scrub contained the university logo and were sold for \$35/unit. This fundraiser also reached out to other colleges other than the College of Pharmacy. Each scrub cost us about \$20 each to prepare. We sold about 5 new scrubs. We also sold 4 scrubs from past inventory for \$18/unit, which cost us \$0.

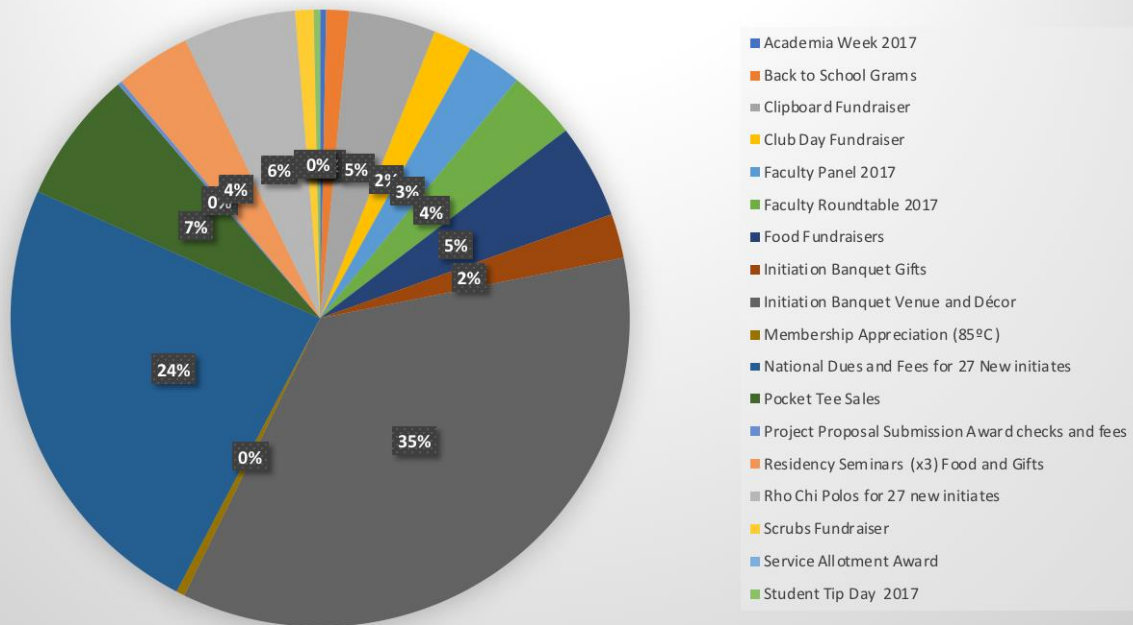
5. Food: Food fundraisers were expanded this year with a wider variety of foods being sold. This included both lunch and breakfast food fundraisers. A food fundraiser was held every month, and the profits cover the costs for the event of that month as well as partially, or potentially fully, for the next month. The profits are usually at least \$120 for each food fundraiser.

Date(s)	Event/Product	Revenue (\$)	Expenses (\$)	Profit (\$)	Budget (\$)
8/23/17	Club Day Food Fundraiser	420	191.03	228.97	200
8/23/17	Club Day Board/Display & Stand	0	19.37	-19.37	20
9/11/17	September Food Fundraiser	222	94.68	127.32	150
9/11/17-9/15/17	Back to School Grams	1000	122.23	877.77	500
9/18/17	Student Tip Day - Starbucks Gift Cards x 5	0	35	-35	50
9/20-10/12/17	Clipboard Fundraiser (25 clipboards)	750	472.07	277.93	600
9/20-10/12/17	Scrubs Fundraiser	175	100	75	300
10/18/17	85°C Membership Appreciation	0	46	-46	50
10/23/17	Project Proposal check #1	500	0	500	0
10/24/17	October Food Fundraiser	312	140.19	171.81	200
11/1/17	Residency Seminar 1 Gift for Faculty x 1	0	13.01	-13.01	20
11/1/17	Residency Seminar 1 Food & Water	0	171.51	-171.51	200
11/6/17	November Food Fundraiser	318	146.19	171.81	200
11/6/17	Rho Chi Academia Week 2017	0	33.02	-33.02	50
11/8/17	Faculty Panel 2017	0	299.83	-299.83	300
11/13-11/17/17	Rho Chi Pocket Tee	1049	721.44	327.56	1000
11/16/17	Rho Chi Faculty Roundtable 2017	0	375.94	-375.94	500
11/29/17	Residency Seminar 2 Food	0	103.56	-103.56	150
12/4/17	December Food Fundraiser	325	131.40	193.6	200
12/4-12/7/17	Scrubs Sales	72	0.00	72	0

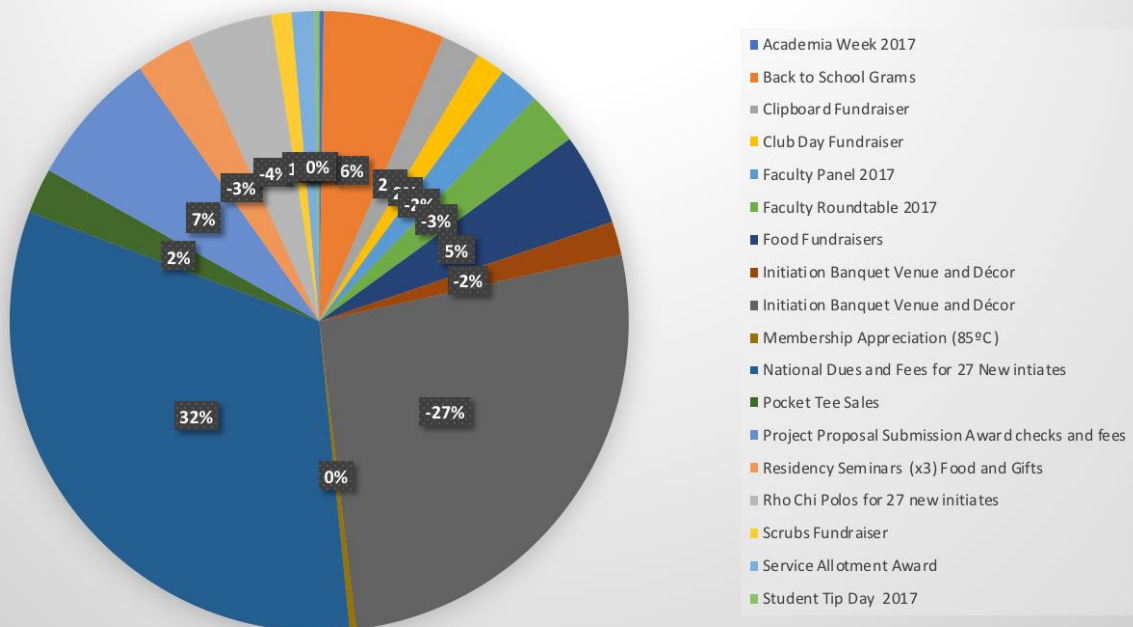
1/13/18	Project Proposal Submission mail fee	0	23.75	-23.75	25
1/17/18	Residency Seminar 1 Gift for Faculty x 1	0	29.00	-29	50
1/18/18	Residency Seminar 3 Food	0	89.57	-89.57	100
3/1/18	National Dues for New Initiates	0	2,493.50	-2493.5	2500
3/19/18	Initiation: Fees and Dues New Initiates	6760	0.00	6760	0
3/19/18	Initiation Banquet Extra Guest Fees	200	0.00	200	0
3/19/18	Project Proposal check #2	500	0.00	500	0
3/23/18	Service Allotment Award	163.55	0.00	163.55	0
4/26/18	Initiation Banquet Venue	0	3,000.00	-3000	3000
4/26/18	Initiation Banquet: 4.0 GPA Gifts x 4	0	120.98	-120.98	150
4/26/18	Initiation Banquet: Succulents	0	175.51	-175.51	180
4/26/18	Table/Ceiling Décor/Backdrop for Banquet	0	492.93	-492.93	500
4/26/18	27 x Rho Chi Polos for new initiates	0	608.21	-608.21	700
4/26/18	Initiation Banquet: Gift Card for guest speaker	0	100.00	-100	100
4/26/18	Initiation Banquet Frame for faculty initiate	0	20.00	-20	25
	Totals	12,766.55	10,369.92	2,396.63	12,020



Expenses



Profit



Event/Product	Revenue	Expenses	Profit
Academia Week 2017	0%	0%	-1%
Back to School Grams	8%	1%	37%
Clipboard Fundraiser	6%	5%	12%

Club Day Fundraiser	3%	2%	9%
Faculty Panel 2017	0%	3%	-13%
Faculty Roundtable 2017	0%	4%	-16%
Food Fundraisers	9%	5%	28%
Initiation Banquet Gifts	0%	2%	-10%
Initiation Banquet Venue and Décor	0%	35%	-153%
Membership Appreciation (85°C)	0%	0%	-2%
National Dues and Fees for 27 New initiates	55%	24%	186%
Pocket Tee Sales	8%	7%	14%
Project Proposal Submission Award checks and fees	8%	0%	41%
Residency Seminars (x3) Food and Gifts	0%	4%	-17%
Rho Chi Polos for 27 new initiates	0%	6%	-25%
Scrubs Fundraiser	2%	1%	6%
Service Allotment Award	1%	0%	7%
Student Tip Day 2017	0%	0%	-1%
Totals	100%	100%	100%

Installation Function

As an initiate of the Rho Chi Honor Society of the Gamma Sigma Chapter, prospective members are mandated by National Chapter Bylaws to attend two informational meetings prior to being initiated at the annual Rho Chi Honor Society Initiation Banquet. At the first meeting, members were introduced to our chapter advisor, Dr. Emmanuelle Schwartzman, current Rho Chi executive officers and educated on the history of Rho Chi as a National Honor Society, the mission of our society, expectations, accomplishments of our chapter throughout the years and most importantly, their responsibilities as members of the society should they decide to join. Once invited into membership, students were then encouraged to run for office (e.g. executive board position) at the second mandatory informational meeting, in which their colleagues voted.

This year, the 14th Annual Initiation Banquet for the Gamma Sigma Chapter was held at the Pomona Valley Mining Company April 26th, 2018 from 6:00 to 10:00 PM in Pomona, CA. The initiation ceremony highlighted 6 members from the Class of 2019, 4 members from the International Post-Baccalaureate Program and 16 members from the Class of 2020. In addition, in commemoration of their commitment to the mission of our chapter, 11 distinguished members of our society were celebrated at the initiation banquet for their academic leadership. With 66 guests in attendance, including family and friends of the initiates, faculty members of the College as well as the current Rho Chi Gamma Sigma Chapter board and Chapter Advisor, the evening was an intimate setting congratulating the hard work of our newest members and current members.

The evening promptly began with a gracious introduction from our Chapter Advisor and newly inducted Rho Chi National President-Elect, Dr. Emmanuelle Schwartzman who welcomed the initiates and their families to the reception and was followed by an introduction to our keynote speaker Dr. Anne Kugler, a distinguished alumnus of the Beta Theta Chapter and current faculty preceptor at the College of Pharmacy at Western University of Health Sciences. Dr. Kugler spoke about her time as a Rho Chi member when she was a student in pharmacy school and highlighted the importance of continued professional involvement in addition to academic success as a member of the society. The evening proceeded with awards and recognition for members who have demonstrated academic excellence performing at the top of their class and acknowledgment of profoundly involved members of the society. Lastly, awards were concluded with the recognition our Chapter Advisor for her continued guidance and support of the Gamma Sigma Chapter. Our president, Michael Nguyen, wrapped up the night with his sentiments on the tremendously successful year our chapter has had and the impact our chapter has made on current WesternU students and faculty alike. The night ended on a high note with president Michael's heartiest congratulations and best wishes for the incoming board.

Evaluation/Reflection

The 2017-2018 term was a remarkably busy yet rewarding one. This year we endeavored to continue the ongoing events from past years and to implement new ones to further Rho Chi's involvement on campus and within the community. Our board was very motivated this year to learn from last year's board to improve the ongoing events that are held each year.

Academia Week this year was one of our biggest successes this year due in part to the hard work of the executive board as well as the Academia Committee. They worked tirelessly to make the hallways look phenomenal with pictures of all the College of Pharmacy faculty and their biographies. We received extremely positive feedback from the students and faculty for our decorations this year. The Faculty Panel and Faculty Roundtable events were also met with equally positive responses for the insight they provided. One way to improve Academia Week could possibly be to add in another event such as a game show to engage the faculty and students in a more personal manner.

One of our other proud successes was the launch of Student Tip Day. We were able to gather over 60 students despite it being held for the first time. We are glad that so many students benefited from the event. Because this was the first time we held the event, it also served as one of the bigger challenges this year. We had to figure out new logistics and reach out to our members and make sure that we were transparent in what we expected from them as a panel. We were able to coordinate the questions and run through the event with the panel beforehand which contributed to its great success. One challenge we faced during the event was that there were more questions from the audience than the allotted time allowed; therefore, in future years we may consider hosting it after school and minimizing the time it takes to sign students in and serve food.

Another one of our successes was the launch of our "Back to School Grams." This was a new idea created by the treasurer. Our approach on the event was to sell mini back to school totes filled with candy and cards to send to friends as a back to school welcoming in August. The customers were

able to customize their own totes to their friends as well as write a personal card in each tote. They were priced at \$3 for 1 tote or \$5 for 2 totes. Moreover, the board customized totes for the customers for an additional fee of \$1 per tote. Lastly, we had an incentive of customers being entered into a \$25 Visa gift card raffle, with an entry per tote purchase. We were able to sell 392 grams for \$1000. We spent \$122.23 so our profit was around \$877.77. Some of the pros were the incentive of the \$25 Visa gift card raffle, the ease of finding cheap totes on Amazon.com, and thus with a prime membership, we were able to order them as needed, rather than in large bulk. One con was the time it took for our board to customize the totes for the customers. Therefore, perhaps instead of adding personally custom making the bags for an additional fee, consider doing a different incentive to get the extra profit for the future.

One of the greatest challenges we faced this year was trying to engage the first-year students. Although we still had great turnout for our events, we believe that our board could have made a more conscious effort to draw the students into our events so that they understand what the mission of Rho Chi is. We believe that in the future, the members of Rho Chi should take the time to introduce themselves to the incoming classes personally so that they are more comfortable coming out to our events. We can also place more effort into promoting our events through social media as well as making more announcements in the classrooms.

The 2017-2018 board will be working closely with next year's board to ensure that they know fully well what to expect and how to improve on these events. With all these experiences we will be able to facilitate the planning process for these events. All in all, this past year was filled with great successes, and our board was truly fortunate to have had the guidance of a great advisor, Dr. Emmanuelle Schwartzman. We are happy to hand over the Gamma Sigma chapter to the next board and look forward to seeing them go above and beyond the call of duty.

Other Information

Our chapter also has another officer position called the Liaison who is in charge of outreach activities. We wanted to make sure that his position and all his efforts during the past year are recognized since there was no way to add the position into the officer positions section. The Liaison of the past year, Kendrick Duong (email: duongk@westernu.edu) was responsible for the Breast Cancer Awareness and Emergency Preparedness poster presentations. He was also responsible for coordinating with the other organizations for PHOP's Thanksgiving Dinner as well as Habitat for Humanity. The next term's Liaison is Angela Hwang (email: ara.hwang@westernu.edu). Thank you and respectfully submitted.

MOST IMPROVED CHAPTER SUBMISSION

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Chapter Activities Report

[Gamma Sigma, Western University of Health Sciences] Activity Table

Category of Activity ¹	Title of Activity	Brief Description ²	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
Intellectual Leadership Activities (i.e., tutoring, sponsored lectures, poster sessions,	Faculty Panel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The faculty panel presented 4 professors who took different paths towards the field of academia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The students are provided with advice on how to become a leader in academia 	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Verbal feedback was taken from the students to include administrative professors, which we took into consideration 	9	50	\$300

etc.)	Faculty Roundtable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roundtable with WesternU professors on a more personal level to focus on any advice they have for students interested in academia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offered students professional pearls that they may implement into their own careers 	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feedback was taken from participants and professors annually The ratio of students to professor was reduced to increase intimacy 	9	12	\$500
	"Match Me" Residency Series	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4-Part lecture series to discuss the ins and outs of residencies and fellowships 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fostered student interest in continuing lifelong learning through residency 	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feedback was taken from each audience to improve dates for the series 	8	115	\$600
	Student Tip Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Panel of Rho Chi Students provided study tips and course advice for incoming students to get into the groove of pharmacy school 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encouraged academic excellence among students 	New	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feedback was taken from the attending students on what topics to discuss in the future 	12	60	\$50
	Emergency Preparedness Poster Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poster presentation about how to prepare for natural disasters and what medications to keep handy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allowed for continued learning outside of the classroom 	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feedback was taken from audience on how to improve 	8	20	\$0

	Breast Cancer Awareness Poster	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poster presentation to WesternU about hormonal contraceptives and misconceptions about breast cancer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allowed for continued learning outside of the classroom 	New	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feedback was taken from the audience on how to improve the poster 	8	20	\$0
College of Pharmacy Events [non-academic, non-patient outreach]	Membership Appreciation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members were gifted with refreshments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This event acknowledged the intellectual contribution of our members 	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feedback was taken to provide more drink options for members 	16	0	\$50
	Initiation Banquet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognized achievements of current members and inducted new members into the Society 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognized intellectual achievements and provided attendees insight in Rho Chi's mission 	14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussed with previous board to find more cost effective options for venues 	34	26	\$4000
	Club Mixer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collaborated with other pharmacy organizations to provide an informal info session to new pharmacy students 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promoted the mission of Rho Chi to students and motivated students to excel academically 	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussed with board on what prizes to give away to promote Rho Chi 	7	120	\$0
Patient Outreach Events/ Community Service	PHOP Thanksgiving Dinner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students from all programs helped prepare dinners for the homeless community of Pomona 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This event was an opportunity for our members to provide for the underserved 	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feedback from members to discuss how to better coordinate with other programs 	6	360	\$0
	Habitat for Humanity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organizations from College of Pharmacy gathered to rebuild homes for local communities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This event promotes high ethical standards and allows for individual growth of our members 	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sent e-mail reminders this year to members to improve member participation 	6	20	\$0

Fundraising Events	Food Fundraisers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Served food from local restaurants to students during lunch 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> These frequent events provide visibility to Rho Chi 	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students requested different food options for more variety 	8	500	\$665 raised
	Back to School Grams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sold tote bags with snacks to students 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved relations between pharmacy colleagues 	New	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students requested more snack options 	8	120	\$878 raised
	Scrubs & Clipboard Fundraisers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sold scrubs and clipboards with clinical notes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Equipped students with tools to excel during rotations 	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussed and found a cheaper vendor for scrubs to improve sales 	8	20	\$425 raised
	Rx Pocket Tee Fundraiser	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sold students "Rx" tees to promote the profession of pharmacy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increases visibility of the pharmacy career to the public 	New	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussed with executive board on finding a cheaper vendor in the future 	8	60	\$328 raised