

## **Annual Chapter Report Outline**

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

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**Name of School/College:** University of Maryland School of Pharmacy

**Chapter Name & region:** Omicron, Region II

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### Introduction

The Omicron chapter of Rho Chi sought out to have a productive , lucrative, and enjoyable 2017-2018 year. This was definitely achieved by increasing involvement, finding new ways to produce income, and always making sure that every member felt supported whenever they needed it. We hope to see further improvements in years to come, but we are proud of our year as a society.

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

Date	Attendance	Agenda	Action Steps
2017-09-18	29	introduction to the semester and future events	Make committees and plan for fundraiser
2018-11-13	24	Conclude the semester	Begin committee task assignment for Spring
2018-02-05	21	discussed events for the remainder of the semester, fundraising, and the Induction banquet	plan for the induction banquet, fundraiser tabling times
2018-02-26	43	congratulated new members, retrieved information needed for national and for initiation, and discussed officer positions	Start process of elections

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

As an organization, we tried to reach out to students who may have been struggling by planning review sessions for courses the Office of Academic Affairs thought needed additional tutoring. We then lead the exam reviews and make practice questions for the students. In addition, we make and pass out "Tips for Success" at the beginning of the academic year to try to offer advice to students coming into the program.

Recognizing academic achievement is our main priority in this organization. We achieve this by planning the Dean's List Dinner for those students who obtained a 3.25 GPA for both fall and spring semesters the year prior. A Dean, this year is was the Dean of Academic Affairs, attends and opens the event with an encouraging and congratulatory speech. In the Spring semester, we hold our Induction Banquet. Here, we are able to welcome, with family and friends, our new members and recognize for their academic achievement. We also award students who were able to achieve a 4.0 GPA for their first year at the Banquet. We reward them with a certificate of recognition as well as a book generously donated by one of the faculty at the school. Each semester, along with Phi Lambda Sigma, we run the nomination and voting for PharmD,

graduate, and leadership Semester Scholars. These 3 students are recognized within the school and are awarded with a faculty-sponsored gift.

Throughout the year, we foster a culture of collaboration by having joint events with various other student organizations such as Phi Lambda Sigma, the Pediatric Pharmacy Advocacy Group, Student Government Association, the College of Psychiatric and Neurologic Pharmacists, the American Pharmacists Association, the Academy of Managed Care Pharmacists, and the Student Section of the Maryland Public Health Association.

## **Activities**

-Honor Code Presentation – ongoing

(8/18/17): The Honor Code of the University Of Maryland School Of Pharmacy was originally drafted by the Omicron chapter in the 1990s. The Chapter President along with the SGA President presented the Honor Code to the incoming students during their Orientation week.

-PLS/Rho Chi Information Panel – new initiative

(8/29/17): The Omicron chapter collaborated with Phi Lambda Sigma to host an open informational panel for students who are interested in joining either organization. We organized this event because many students are not aware of the membership requirements or nomination process for induction into these organizations.

-Faculty Appreciation Luncheon – ongoing

(10/25/17): The Omicron chapter collaborated with Phi Lambda Sigma to honor and celebrate all the hard work and dedication of the faculty members. Lunch was sponsored by the Student Government Association and members of both organizations mingled with the faculty members who attended. Students were invited to attend this event on a first-come, first-served basis.

-Rho Chi Exam Review sessions – ongoing

(9/21/17, 9/25/17, 10/10/18, 10/19/18, 12/14/17, 3/28/18): The Omicron chapter held review sessions for P1 and P2 students in Principles of Drug Action, Applied Science and Therapeutics, Medicinal Chemistry, and Infectious Diseases. Rho Chi members created study guides and Powerpoint presentations for each review session that were then distributed to all students through email. These were open forums for Rho Chi members to review important concepts and allow students to ask questions.

-Clinical Pocket Guide Fundraiser – ongoing

(Fall and Spring semesters): The Omicron chapter sells clinical pocket guides from the UNC School of Pharmacy. These guides are conveniently sized to fit in the pocket of a white coat, and contain helpful information to use during rotations.

-Paul's Place – ongoing

(10/25/17): The Omicron chapter collaborated with the Pediatric Pharmacy Advocacy Group (PPAG) to volunteer at Paul's Place in Baltimore, MD.

-Healthy Halloween – ongoing

(10/28/17): Rho Chi joined CPNP to participate in Healthy Halloween. During this event, we dressed up in Halloween costumes and educated children about stress management techniques. We also helped them make their own, homemade stress balls out of balloons and sand.

-Success at Roundtables Panel- New initiative

(10/30/17): Rho Chi joined APhA and AMCP to help organize a panel and invite a speaker to talk about how to maximize time and networking at a Roundtable event. This event was highly

attended and many of our members were panelists.

-Walgreens Immunization Clinics – ongoing

(October): Rho Chi and PDC members volunteered at several immunization clinics throughout the month of October to provide flu shots to members of the community. These events were organized by Walgreens.

-Research Roundtable – ongoing

(11/2/17): The Omicron chapter collaborated with the Student Government Association and APhA-ASP to discuss the variety of research options available to pharmacy students. Faculty members and graduate students volunteered their time to attend this event and share their work with interested students. This event began with dinner and then a roundtable where students were able to learn more about specific faculty/graduate students' research and were able to ask questions.

-Dean's List Dinner – ongoing

(11/7/17): Rho Chi acknowledged PharmD and graduate students who earned a 3.25 GPA for both the fall and spring semester the previous academic year. They were honored at the campus student center with opening remarks by the Dean. They were then awarded a certificate, dinner and trivia sponsored by the Student Government Association.

-Hot Dogs for the Homestretch Fundraiser- New initiative

(12/7/17): The Omicron chapter came together to make hot dogs, complete with all of the toppings during finals week. Students who were taking finals were more than willing to buy a couple of hot dogs to help get them through their final.

-Semester Scholars – ongoing

(Fall and Spring semesters): The Omicron chapter partnered with Phi Lambda Sigma to organize nominations and voting for Semester Scholars. Each semester, an outstanding student in leadership, academic achievement, and graduate affairs was nominated and then voted on by their peers. These students were then honored over email school wide and received an award.

-PharmD T-Shirt Fundraiser – ongoing

(Fall and Spring semester): The Omicron chapter sells t-shirts with a PharmD periodic table design on the front..

-UMB School of Pharmacy Logo Car Decal Fundraiser – new initiative

(Fall and Spring semester): The Omicron chapter initiated a new fundraiser to sell clear window decals picturing the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy name and logo. These stickers were designed to be placed on car windows.

-Introductions to Research- new initiative

(2/1/18): The Omicron chapter joined together with APhA, SMdPHA, and AMCP to invite in some prominent pharmacists in research and have them present. These pharmacists then sat on a panel and students asked them questions about their research.

-Out of the Darkness Walk – ongoing

(4/7/18): The Omicron chapter partnered with CPNP to attend the Out of the Darkness Walk to raise awareness for suicide prevention. This event was held by the Johns Hopkins School of Nursing in Baltimore, MD.

-P3 Immunization Refresher- ongoing

(4/9/18): Rho Chi partnered with APhA's Operation Immunization to host a refresher session on how to give immunizations and important counseling to give patients. This was given to P3's before they go out on rotation.

-Rho Chi Induction Banquet – ongoing

(4/11/18): An annual ceremony and banquet to formally induct the new members of the Omicron chapter into the honor society.

-4.0 Book Awards – ongoing

(4/11/18): The Omicron chapter recognized P2 pharmacy students who achieved a 4.0 GPA during their first year at the University Of Maryland School Of Pharmacy at the Induction Banquet. They were given certificates of recognition and given an Opioid Conversion Calculations book, generously donated by one of the faculty members.

-Ronald McDonald House – ongoing

(4/16/18): The Omicron chapter collaborated with the Pediatric Pharmacy Advocacy Group (PPAG) to volunteer at the Ronald McDonald House in Baltimore, MD.

## Financial Budgeting

Based on previous years, we created a budget per semester. The Treasurer and the President formulated it and then the rest of the executive board approved it. This year, we focused on how to increase our financial income and where we would cut costs. We created a new hot dog fundraiser that was rather lucrative. We also increased our chapter sales of t-shirts, car decals and pocket guides to both semesters. Our usual sponsors for the Induction Banquet were all unable to donate this year. This put us in a financial bind for the banquet. In order to recover some costs, we asked the school for funding and they agreed to fund half of the costs of the banquet. We also charged for guests so that we did not lose money because more people came to the dinner. In addition to receiving funding from the school for the Induction Banquet, the Office of Student Affairs and the Student Government Association fully covered our annual fall Dean's List Dinner and we were able to increase attendance three times past years as a result.

FALL 2017							
Income				Expense			
Event	Estimated	Paid		Event	Estimated	Paid	
Fall SGA DLD Contribution	\$ 614.54	\$ 825.88		DLD food costs	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,651.76	
Fall SA DLD Contribution	\$ -	\$ 800.00		DLD Prizes/Speaker Gifts	\$ 60.00	\$ -	
Sale T-Shirt Fundraiser (est. 17 x \$8)	\$ 136.00	\$ 58.00		DLD Certificate Paper	\$ 35.00	\$ -	
Car Decal Fundraiser (est. 30 x \$5)	\$ 150.00	\$ 55.00		SGA/APhA-ASP/Rho Chi Research Roundtable	\$ 80.00	\$ -	
Pocket-Guide Fundraiser	\$ 625.00	\$ 675.00		Faculty Appreciation Luchon Catering	\$ 200.00	\$ 192.80	
Hot Dog Fundraiser	\$ -	\$ 105.00		Pocket-Guide Fundraiser	\$ 785.00	\$ 450.00	
				Rho Chi & PLS Q&A Session Food		\$ 50.05	
TOTAL:	\$ 1,525.54	\$ 2,518.88		TOTAL:	\$ 1,360.00	\$ 2,344.61	
NET (Total Income - Total Expense):	\$ 174.27						

SPRING 2017							
Income				Expense			
Event	Estimated	Paid		Event	Estimated	Paid	
T-Shirt Sales (est. 30x\$10)	\$ 300.00	\$ 480.00		Induction Banquet	\$ 4,700.00	\$ 5,956.89	
New Member Dues (est. 50 x \$125)	\$ 6,250.00	\$ 5,750.00		Induction Speaker Gift x2	\$ 50.00		
Induction Guests (est. 25 x \$40)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,480.00		National Dues (est. 50 x \$65)	\$ 3,250.00	\$ 2,990.00	
CVS Sponsorship	\$ 750.00	\$ -		National Cords (est. 50 x \$12.50)	\$ 625.00	\$ 525.00	
Walgreens Sponsorship	\$ -	\$ -		T-shirt Fundraising Order (est. 30x\$8.75 + free shipping)	\$ 262.50	\$ 304.75	
Pocket-Guides Fundraiser (est. 55x\$26)	\$ 1,430.00	\$ 858.00		Rho Chi Annual @ APhA Meeting Reimbursement	\$ 125.00		
Car Decal Fundraiser (est. 30x \$5)	\$ 150.00			4.0 Book Awards (Donations?)	\$ -	\$ -	
SGA Induction Contribution	\$ 2,395.50	\$ 2,395.50		Induction Programs	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00	
Induction Student guests (\$35 each)		\$ 105.00		Pocket-Guide Fundraiser (order cost + est. \$35 shipping)	\$ 860.00	\$ 515.00	
				Car Decal Fundraiser (cost for 250 + free shipping)	\$ -	\$ -	
				Intro to Research Collaborative Event	\$ 80.00	\$ 83.42	
TOTAL:	\$ 12,275.50	\$ 11,068.50		TOTAL:	\$ 10,032.50	\$ 10,455.06	
TOTAL INCOME:	\$ 13,587.38			TOTAL EXPENSE:	\$ 12,799.67		
NET (Total Income - Total Expense):	\$ 787.71						

## Installation Function

The Induction Banquet was held on Monday, April 11, 2018 at the Belvedere Hotel in Baltimore, MD. Over 110 new members (31 PharmD students, 12 graduate students, 2 faculty), family, and friends attended. The night started with a cocktail hour followed by a 3-course dinner. The night continued with our keynote speaker, Dr. Cherokee Layson- Wolf. Dr. Layson- Wolf, PharmD, BCACP, FAPhA, is an associate professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice and Science and Associate Dean of Student Affairs at the University of Maryland, School of Pharmacy. She graduated from the University of Maryland, School of Pharmacy and completed a community pharmacy residency at Virginia Commonwealth University/Medical College of Virginia and Ukrop's Pharmacy. She currently serves as the residency director for the PGY-1 community residency program at the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy.

Dr. Layson-Wolf's major areas of interest are in community pharmacy, self-care, pharmacy-based immunization delivery and point of care testing. She is the current President for the Maryland Pharmacists Association. She received the Young Pharmacist of the Year award in 2005, the Innovative Practice Award in 2010 and the Mentor Award in 2015 from the Maryland Pharmacists Association, and was named a fellow of the American Pharmacists Association in 2012, received the APhA Community Residency Preceptor of the Year award in 2015, and was selected APhA-ASP Chapter Advisor of the Year in 2016.

The speech was followed by the Initiation Ritual, where new member names were announced and signed their names in the Omicron chapter's membership book, which contained the signatures of all Chapter members since its chartering in 1930. The Induction was graciously sponsored, in part, by the University of Maryland, School of Pharmacy Student Government Association.

## Evaluation/Reflection

This year, our focus was to rebuild our organization. We needed to increase our funds, increase our member involvement, and increase our presence in the school. I believe that we achieved every one of these goals. We increased our funds by adding a fundraiser and increasing the fundraisers that we already have. In addition to this, we reached out to the school for increased



funding of our events which greatly helped us to put on amazing events. In order to increase membership involvement, we focused on personally reaching out to our members to find out what they would like to see from Rho Chi. This increased their involvement and helped us to gear events towards members. This year, we also increased attendance at our Dean's List Dinner and Induction Ceremony as a result of advertising and better planning. Through increasing exam reviews and including all students, not just members, in a few events and increasing collaborations with other organizations, we greatly increased our presence within the school. We have received a large amount of feedback from students, faculty, and leaders within the school for our work this year. The feedback has been positive and we have heard that, this year, Rho Chi was a big player in the school and became much more involved.

We have multiple suggestions for next year. We have suggested to the incoming executive board that they focus on increasing funds even more this coming year to help replenish the bank account. In terms of school impact, we have suggested that they may begin to formulate a NAPLEX review in partnership with the school. This is an area that is becoming a larger area of concern for the school and a place that Rho Chi students could really help to begin working with students to review and practice material before the NAPLEX and longitudinally throughout the four years of pharmacy school. While we were able to increase member involvement, we would like to see further increases in involvement. While we had increased attendance of members at big events, there is a lack of attendance at general body meetings. If the meaning of a meeting could be increased, that would be ideal to increase attendance. These suggestions have been communicated to the incoming executive board and we feel confident that they will be able to improve the Omicron Chapter for the upcoming year.

### **Other Information**

This year, we developed a longitudinal research matching program with APhA. This program requires students to fill out a questionnaire about their interests and experience. From here, identified executive board members will review responses and match them to a professor for a research opportunity. This program implementation is intended to be used for years to come and be to the benefit of students and increase research involvement with faculty.