



## The Rho Chi Society

### Annual Chapter Report

Please complete your Annual Chapter Report, adhering strictly to the format below, and submit it to the National Office via e-mail (RhoChi@unc.edu) by May 15.

#### General formatting guidelines:

- **Adhere to the page/word limitations specified in each section.**
- **Use 12 point, Times-New Roman, font.**
- **Do not include any attachments or appendices.**
- **Submit as a Word Document.**

Date of report submission:

Name of School/College: South Dakota State University

Chapter name and region: Tau chapter Region V

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Date delegate's name submitted to Rho Chi: February 2018

Past year's officers and e-mail addresses:

President:	Megan Ingebrigtsen	Megan.Ingebrigtsen@jacks.sdstate.edu
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President:	Shelby Van Driel	Shelby.VanDriel@jacks.sdstate.edu
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Secretary/Treasurer:	Chris Kotschevar	Chris.Kotschevar@jacks.sdstate.edu
Historian:	Katya Vakshteyn	Katya.Vakshteyn@jacks.sdstate.edu

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

P4 students: 16

P3 students: 15

P2 students: 17

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**Meetings:** Provide information on meetings held in the following tabular format (Limit 1.5 page)

Date	Attendance	Agenda	Action Steps
February 8, 2018	All members	New initiate selection and delegate selection	All in favor of allowing new initiates to be invited to join and Jade Kutzke selected as the Rho Chi delegate at the national meeting
April 19, 2018	New members, previous officers, and faculty advisors	New officer selection	Officer selection by majority vote and swearing in of new officers

**Strategic Planning:**

The Tau Chapter of the Rho Chi Honor Fraternity strives to achieve the mission set by the Society to encourage and recognize excellence in intellectual achievement and foster fellowship among its members by hosting our annual convocation for all to partake in and by offering recognition for the excellent achievements of those involved.

**Activities:**

Rho Chi hosted the second annual Rho Chi Pharmacy Spelling Bee on March 22, where students competed to spell medical terminology and medication names. In all, a total of 6 students participated in the spelling bee. The winner was awarded a medal and will have her name engraved on a plaque along with an ice cream party for the organization of her choice. A pharmacy practice professor was the announcer for the event. This activity promotes academic achievement and celebrates continuous learning for the students involved.

The *Medical Letter* is an important, relatively low-cost publication that updates students and faculty on standard practices for disease state management and therapeutic advances. Rho Chi coordinates the subscriptions and filing of the *Medical Letter* each year.

Every fall the Annual Pharmacy Research Presentations and Fall Convocation is hosted by the Rho Chi chapter. Nineteen students presented their pharmaceutical research as poster presentations. Following the poster presentations, Professor William F. Elmquist a distinguished Professor and Director of the Brain Barriers Research Center at the University of Minnesota, Department of Pharmaceutics gave the key note speech "The Greatest Job in the World. What is it, you ask? Let me tell you." More than 300 SDSU student pharmacists and faculty attended the afternoon program.

Two members of the chapter represented Rho Chi in the College of Pharmacy and Allied Health Phonathon by making donation request calls to alumni that provide funds to the college for

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Scholarships, Awards, and Projects. These funds are used in the chapter's budget for activities during the academic year. This is the third year that the chapter has been involved in this activity.

Rho Chi participated in the Spring Convocation which focuses on recognition of students and faculty involved with the various organizations in the College of Pharmacy and Allied Health. Rho Chi recognized and presented certificates to the eighteen P1 students who achieved a 4.0 grade point average during their first semester of pharmacy school. Rho Chi also presented awards to the winners of the Fall Convocation research presentations.

Rho Chi implemented 2 charity events this year to promote the high standard of conduct and character and continue to foster fellowship among its members through working towards a united cause. During the fall students promoted a perishable food drive during the month of October to be given to the food bank as part of Feeding South Dakota. During the spring the students collected over the counter medications to be donated to the Children's Inn. Both of these organizations were chosen based on their vast impact they have on the local community.

See Appendix 1

### **Financial/ Budgeting:**

The majority of the financial resources used to support the chapter's activities came from funds donated by alumni and supporters of South Dakota State University College of Pharmacy and Allied Health. The Scholarship and Awards Committee awarded the chapter with up to \$1000 for the academic year. Rho Chi will also receive up to \$1550 for the next academic year. The budget is set to provide awards to the participants of the research presentation, money to send a student to the national meeting, funds for the initiation banquet, and awards for the annual spelling bee champion and associated expenses with the spelling bee. Fundraising did not occur this year because the chapter had sufficient financial support from the College of Pharmacy and Allied Health.

See Appendix 2: Chapter Budget

**Initiation Function:** On April 19, 2018, the Tau Chapter initiated seventeen new student pharmacists, two pharmaceutical sciences students, and two faculty into Rho Chi. The banquet was held in the Louis and Clark Room at South Dakota State University in Brookings, South Dakota. Dr. Denis Hedge, the Provost and Vice President of academic affairs of SDSU and former Dean of the College of Pharmacy and Allied Health, provided the keynote address about leadership and opportunity in the pharmacy profession. The ceremony was organized by current Rho Chi members and was attended by Rho Chi officers, faculty, advisors, new initiates, and the initiates' families.

**Evaluation/Reflection:** The Tau Chapter strives to achieve academic excellence and promote the profession of pharmacy in all of the activities it undertakes. The research presentation, awards, and *Medical Letter* subscriptions are successful in fulfilling the chapter's goals, but there are also areas in which it can improve. The medication spelling bee promotes academic achievement and celebrates continuous learning for the students involved. We hope to continue

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to increase the involvement of our members with continuing the community service to help serve our community and promote our organization and profession to an increased number of people. The Tau Chapter will continue to strive to meet its goals by continuing its current activities and expanding to new areas to ensure it is upholding the mission and vision of the Rho Chi Society.



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### Appendix 1

Tau Chapter, South Dakota State University Activity Table								
Category of Activity <sup>1</sup>	Title of Activity	Brief Description <sup>2</sup>	How Does This Activity Align With the Rho Chi Mission Statement?	Years the Activity has Been Ongoing?	If Activity has Been Ongoing for >1 Year, What Evaluations Have Been Done to Assess the Success of the Activity and What Improvements Have Been Done Over the Past Year?	How Many Members Participated in the Activity?	How Many Students (non-members) and/or Patients were impacted by the Activity?	Financial Information for the Activity [Budget Required, Fundraising Amount]
Intellectual Leadership Activities	Research Poster Presentations and Awards	Nineteen students presented their pharmaceutical research as poster presentations	Recognizes intellectual achievement, stimulates critical inquiry through research and helps develop intellectual leaders	27	This activity exceeds expectations with many students presenting their research at high academic levels. The organization has worked on promoting student involvement by encouraging attendance.	16	250	\$1000
Intellectual Leadership Activities	Medical Letter	The Medical Letter was sold to faculty and professional students as supplemental academic information.	Stimulates critical inquiry by encouraging learning outside of the classroom.	10	The Medical Letter was offered to students in all four years of pharmacy school. Faculty and Rho Chi members pushed for participation among all the classes.	16	16	\$166

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College of Pharmacy Events	College of Pharmacy Phonathon	A student represented Rho Chi by making thank you calls to alumni that provided funds to the college for Scholarships, Awards, and Projects.	Students were able to demonstrate high standards of conduct and character by thanking those who support our chapter's activities.	5	This was the third year the chapter has participated. It is very well received by the donors. Student participants enjoy connecting with donors for their contributions. The activity is run through the College so no major changes have occurred through the chapter.	1	1	\$0
College of Pharmacy Events	Keo Glidden Smith Annual Fall Convocation	The Rho Chi chapter organized and hosted the fall convocation ceremony.	Convocation helps advocate for students to have critical inquiry in all aspects of the profession, with a specific emphasis on research.	4	This organizing of this activity by the Rho Chi chapter at SDSU has occurred for multiple years. The chapter aims to bring in speakers that will be interesting to all those in attendance. The process is streamlined and produces a well-accepted program.	16	250	\$0
College of Pharmacy Events	Medication Spelling Bee	Student participated in a spelling bee on medication and medical terminology. They competed for a award plaque and a medal.	Encourages and recognizes intellectual achievement by allowing students to utilize their medical background to compete in the event.	5	More advertising was done with the other classes and faculty support was recruited to assist with getting the word out.	6	6	\$36.35
Community Service	Food drive for Feeding South Dakota; medication	Students brought in nonperishable foods during the month of	Promote the high standard of conduct and character and	1		all	300	\$0

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	drive for Children's Inn	October to give to the foodbank. Students brought in various OTC medications for Children's Inn.	continue to foster fellowship among its members					
Fundraising Events	None							

Appendix 2

ITEM	Amount Debited (\$\$ spent)	Amount Credited (\$\$ raised)	Balance	Comment
Balance forward		\$388.22	388.22	Balance from last year
Medical Letter – payment received		\$166.00	\$554.22	Rho Chi collects all payments and submits one collective payment.
Medical Letter – Paid out	\$144.00		\$410.22	Rho Chi submits final payment for Medical Letter
Spelling Bee	\$36.35		\$373.87	Plaque engraving, medal
College of Pharmacy-SDSU Foundation		\$1000.00	\$1373.87	Received money from College for activities of the chapter
Dues Collected		\$1627.50	\$3001.37	New members pay dues
Poster Presentation Awards	\$1000.00		\$2001.37	Winners awarded by placement in judged presentation
Dues Paid/Pins	\$1627.50		\$373.87	Paid to national office
National Meeting Travel	\$0		\$373.87	Travel expenses for Rho Chi representative at ASP national meeting
Reimbursement from the college		\$0	\$373.87	Reimbursement from the college for ASP meeting
Reimbursement from the college		\$0	\$373.87	Reimbursement from the college for the spelling bee
Charge for Check Blanks	\$9.10		\$364.77	Charge from bank for new book of checks