

Annual Chapter Report Outline

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

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Introduction

The aim of the Theta Chapter during the 2017-2018 school year was to overhaul all events held by the organization, ensuring to only continue those in line with our Vision/Mission Statement, and to create new functions that would encourage intellectual achievements and foster collaboration within our extensive membership.

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

Date	Attendance	Agenda	Action Steps
2017-06-19	6	Executive Board Meeting Summer #1: Review officer responsibilities Review past organization activities and discuss ideas for new events and revamping old Rho Chi events Discuss preparing an update to Rho Chi Trade-Generic Handbook Propose sending a Subcommittee and Tutoring Subject preference survey earlier than past years Discuss early preparation of Dean's Subsidy Proposal and revisions for constitution Discuss gift for Rho Chi student members (in tradition with previous years)	Initiate new events planned on during this meeting Continue International Program involvement Email members for input on Survival Guide for first-year students and Subcommittee/Tutoring preferences Send calendar dates to school Update to the Rho Chi Trade Generic Handbook Treasurer and President are to begin putting together Proposal for Dean's Subsidy Draft proposed revisions to Rho Chi constitution Order Rho Chi tumblers for General Meeting in the Fall semester Reach out to head of Public Relations at school to begin working on Mentorship Program with Alumni
2017-08-22	7	Executive Board Meeting Fall #1: Prepare for General Meeting #1 and P1 Information Session Review members Subcommittee and tutoring preferences Review subcommittee activities and member requirements Discuss upcoming events, including: Weingart Center Presentation, Patient Speakers Series, and Group Review Sessions/Tutoring	Create slide sets for General Meeting and Information session Send email reminder to members about General Meeting, as well as assigned Subcommittees Contact faculty regarding individual tutoring activities and first year examination dates Prepare for Weingart Center Presentations, Pharmacy Practice Group Review Sessions, and Patient Speakers Series Create questions for Tri-Cultural Bowl to take place at the

			end of the Fall Semester
2017-08-29	35	<p>General Meeting #1: Inform members about upcoming events and opportunities for participation (including Member Headshots and Mentorship Program launch) Inform members of Membership Requirements and Subcommittee Assignments Discuss with members the proposed changes to the Theta Chapter Constitution Break out into assigned Subcommittees for review of semester assignments and responsibilities</p> <p>P1 Information Session Present to P1's information about the Rho Chi organization (vision, mission, membership requirements, requirements for an invitation to Rho Chi, events etc.) Distribute Survival Guides to attendees</p>	<p>Email out meeting slide with event dates/membership responsibilities as well as proposed revised Rho Chi Theta Chapter Constitution (for member review) Email sign-ups for Membership Events including the Headshots and Mentorship Program Register tutors with the school</p> <p>Email presented slide set to attending P1's Send out reminders for upcoming Group Review Sessions as well as individual tutoring</p>
2017-09-06	170+		

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

For the 2017-2018 year, the goals of the Theta chapter were to (1) create new events and programs highlighting Rho Chi's commitment to fostering collaboration among our membership, (2) expand our group review sessions to include courses taught in the P2 year, (3) completely revamp our website to properly highlight Rho Chi as an organization and our achievements/goals, (4) create a new student supplement to replace the outdated Trade-Generic Handbook, (5) generate a 'Professionalism Rubric' for those invited into Rho Chi, to ensure the highest of ethical and professional standards are met for this organization, and (6) highlight the achievements of our members (particularly in stimulating critical inquiry to advance the profession of pharmacy).

The Theta chapter strived to encourage the highest in fostering collaboration among our members by launching the Theta Chapters' first ever Mentorship Program. Through this program we paired each of our current Rho Chi members with one, or more, of our esteemed Rho Chi alumni. This allowed our Rho Chi Alumni not only to connect back with our chapter, but also to share their experience, knowledge, and advice with our student Rho Chi members. It is our hope that this Mentorship Program sparked relationships between our students and Alumni that will last for years to come.

Activities

Group Review Sessions

Rho Chi held eight group review sessions throughout the year to help provide academic assistance to the P1 and the P2 classes. The group review sessions, which were previously structured using the review packets as a guide, were altered this year to not only highlight the important concepts but primarily provide the students with additional multiple choice test-style questions. These questions were designed to test basic concepts, and more importantly, application and analysis type questions that enabled students to apply the knowledge to a clinical setting. The point of this was to equip the students the skills needed to appropriately approach questions on the exam. Group reviews were provided for the Biosystems and Pharmacy Practice courses for the P1 class. Additionally, group review sessions were provided for the first time in USC Rho Chi history to the P2 class, covering Pharmacokinetics, Introduction to Therapeutics, and General Medicine and Inflammatory Disorders. Furthermore, after each review session, the Rho Chi members spent time with the selective class to provide advice on how to succeed not only in the course, but how to take advantage of the opportunities that USC has to offer to their students. These sessions were led by only Rho Chi members, again demonstrating that we are intellectual leaders dedicated to promoting intellectual leadership in the other classes. Prior to each group review session, review packets were prepared that highlighted the imperative course material and tested the student's knowledge and ability to think critically and apply the material to a clinical setting. The packets were structured so that they provide an outline of each lecture, followed by ten multiple choice questions to test their understanding of the material.

Individual Tutoring

Rho Chi provided individual tutoring to the P1, P2 and P3 classes. Previously, individual tutoring was only provided to the P1 class (to those students who performed poorly on a midterm exam). In the past, those identified students were paired with one of the Rho Chi members that was deemed the most knowledgeable in that subject area. This year, Rho Chi individual tutoring was expanded to not only any P1 student that felt they needed additional academic assistance, but to the P2 and P3 classes as well. It was our mission this year to expand academic services to all three PharmD years, and ensure that each student felt more prepared and confident for their exams. The P4 students were contacted for assistance with the P3 students. This expanded tutoring demonstrated again the intellectual leadership of our organization, as well as the dedication to service and developing intellectual leaders in the entire student body.

Survival guide

Rho Chi prepared The Survival Guide, which contains upperclassman's study suggestions and comments for each class, and is provided for the incoming first year students. The purpose of the guide is to emphasize the importance of achieving and maintaining academic excellence, as well as providing advice for handling the workload. Rho Chi actively interviews and surveys a variety of P3 students and collects useful advice that can be used to help guide and prepare incoming P1 students for the upcoming curriculum. This year we extended the number of pages for important topics such as Biosystems, Biochemistry, Pharmaceutics and also included an additional OTC topic in the Survival Guide. These guides were distributed to the P1 students that attended the Rho Chi Theta Chapter Information Session during Orientation week.

IPPE/APPE Guide to Success

This past year, the Rho Chi Theta Chapter created a new IPPE/APPE Guide to Success to replace

the 'Trade-Generic Handbook' that had been sold in past years. This guide was created with the intent of making an easily accessible, portable handbook that includes references and cheat sheets for a variety of important topics that were presented during our pharmacy school curriculum. Additionally, the intent was to create a guide with comprehensive tables and graphs that could be quickly referenced during IPPE and APPE rotations. The guide covers topics such as Over-the-Counter (OTC) review, cardiology review, renal-system review, pharmacokinetic dosing for Vancomycin/Aminoglycosides, an antimicrobial coverage table, important lab value references, CDC immunization schedules, and the Top 200 drugs for 2017. This IPPE/APPE Guide to Success was generated completely by Rho Chi Theta Chapter members, demonstrating again the intellectual leadership in this organization. We sold over 270 copies of this book to both individual students, as well as to the USC School of Pharmacy who intend on distributing this booklet to the incoming class of 2022 during Orientation. Because of the great success of the IPPE/APPE Guide to Success, we will no longer be printing the Trade-Generic Handbooks and will move forward into the era of these new guides.

Patient Speakers Series

This past year, the Rho Chi Theta Chapter created a new event—the Patient Speaker Series (one focusing on cardiology and the other on infectious disease). This was the only event at the USC School of Pharmacy which invited real life patients to speak to the students. The purpose of the Patient Speaker Series was to provide students with a patient perspective on a condition, their interactions with pharmacists, and characteristics they would like to see in a healthcare professional. The Rho Chi Theta Chapter Board felt it was highly important to give pharmacy students some real life application to the conditions and medications students learned about in class. While these events were held at the USC School of Pharmacy, it was open to the entire Health Science Campus and non-Rho Chi members. Overall, this event encouraged intellectual achievement, stimulated critical inquiry amongst students, contributed to the overall development of intellectual leaders, and promoted high ethical standards amongst student pharmacists.

For the first Patient Speaker Series, the Rho Chi Board invited two patients who had cardiology related conditions. This event was held during the same time the current P3 students were taking the cardiology therapeutics module, so the conditions and medications the patients were familiar to a vast majority of the attendees. For example, that week in the cardiology therapeutics module, the professor discussed heart failure and cardiac assist devices. One of the patient speakers actually had a left ventricular assist device and was able to show students the assist device that enables him to live outside of a hospital and live a more normal life. By providing students with a real life patient, many Rho Chi members felt that the event offered a fresh perspective on various conditions and contributed to their overall understanding of different disease states. For the second Patient Speaker Series, the Rho Chi Board collaborated with another student organization, American Student Pharmacy Alliance (APSA) to invite two patients who had HIV talk about their condition, medications, and interactions with healthcare professionals. By hosting this patient speaker series with another organization on campus, Rho Chi was able to strengthen its relationship and increase the organization's overall presence on the USC Health Sciences campus. A big takeaway from the speakers of this Infectious Disease Patient Speaker Series was for students to be non-judgemental and compassionate. During the Speaker Series, the two speakers stressed the importance of not feeling judged in order for them to openly and honestly talk to their healthcare providers. Thus, this Patient Speaker Series in particular,

promoted high ethical standards among Rho Chi members.

Through these two Patient Speaker Series encouraged students to apply the therapeutics knowledge they learned in the classroom, inquire about various health conditions, promoted the intellectual development of students by deepening their understanding of conditions, and promoted ethical standards.

Mentorship Program (and Mentor-Mentee Mixer)

The Mentorship Program was a new initiative developed this year, which fostered collaboration between the new and previous Rho Chi members. The Mentorship program extended for the duration of the entire school year (August 2017-May 2018) and involved over 65 total Rho Chi members. The Theta chapter was able to contact USC School of Pharmacy Rho Chi alumnus through an alumni listserv. Through sending out an interest form, the chapter was able to graciously have 36 mentors volunteer to mentor current Rho Chi members. Each interested mentor filled out a quick questionnaire on hobbies, areas of expertise, and past pharmacy related experience. Then, each interested Rho Chi mentee signed up for a mentor and filled out a quick questionnaire on hobbies and the area of pharmacy they wished to pursue. After compiling this information, the Director of Professional affairs matched 29 mentees with Mentors by similar interests, both inside and outside the realm of pharmacy.

Through this Mentorship program, new Rho Chi initiates were able to build meaningful connections with pharmacists in an area of pharmacy of interest. This Mentorship program not only enabled students to network with pharmacists in Southern California, but also to other states and other countries! For example, the Rho Chi Board was able to connect mentees with mentors in London, who had extensive public affairs and regulatory science experience. Moreover, some mentors were matched with mentors in Colorado and Hawaii. The Mentorship program helped facilitate the connection and initial introduction between mentees and mentors and encouraged the pair to communicate via email, Skype, text, phone calls, or in person meetings.

To further reinforce these connections and to expand the networking opportunity for our Rho Chi members, the Board hosted a Mentor-Mentee Mixer at the end of the school year. At this mixer, students and mentors were able to meet face to face over drinks, appetizers, and music. This networking event brought students and professionals together to share their knowledge and experiences with one another. In total, we had over thirty attendees. Overall, the Board is extremely proud of this new initiative, which fostered collaboration between current and future pharmacists.

CCH Presentations

The Theta Chapter continued community education at outreach at a CCH/Weingart Clinic this year. CCH is an urban safety net clinic located in East downtown Los Angeles (on Skid Row) that serves patients with a variety of chronic illnesses, mental illnesses, and substance use disorders. Each health education session was led by five or six Rho Chi students from the Professional Affairs subcommittee, who gave a 45 minute PowerPoint presentation and facilitated a 15 minute question and answer session afterwards. This year, the Professional Affairs subcommittee provided a total of three health education sessions to over 50 CCH/Weingart participants.

In order to appropriately tailor the presentations to patients at the CCH/Weingart Clinic, the Director of Professional Affairs was in close contact with the Clinical Services Coordinator. After sending out a brief survey and questionnaire to the coordinator, the Professional Affairs

subcommittee decided to present on anxiety disorders, depression, and bipolar disorder, three conditions which are highly prevalent in the East downtown Los Angeles area.

The chapter improved the presentations by holding training sessions for the student presenters a few days prior to the actual health education session at the CCH/Weingart Clinic. At the training session, the student presenters were able to practice their 30-45 minute presentation and go through a mock question and answer session in front of professors, peers, and preceptors. These trainings ensured that the Rho Chi student presenters were comfortable presenting and able to answer difficult questions in a culturally sensitive manner. Through these training sessions, the student presenters were able to critically think about these mental health conditions, which translated into the development of intellectual leaders.

Overall, the CCH/Weingart participants were extremely enthusiastic and interactive during the health education sessions. The Rho Chi student presenters were able to provide education on various mental health conditions, counsel patients on the importance of medication adherence, and dispel myths about mental health conditions and medications. Overall, the Theta Chapter was able to increase awareness of mental illness and appropriate resources among our members and the local underserved population while promoting the intellectual, professional and clinical development of Rho Chi members and other pharmacy students.

Rho Chi Professional Headshots for our members

The professional headshots was a new service provided to our Theta Chapter members by the 2017-2018 Rho Chi Board. The purpose of the professional headshots was to promote professionalism amongst our membership, by providing our members headshots they could use while applying for internships, positions, and now residencies/fellowships. These headshots were used by our members to promote their academic and professional profiles on various networking platforms such as LinkedIn, Facebook, and the USC School of Pharmacy Associated Students website. This year, the Theta Chapter was able to provide the professional headshot service to 16 pharmacy and PhD students who are part of the Theta Chapter. This free service was offered to all Rho Chi members to promote themselves well and to contribute to the professional development of our intellectual leaders.

Ice Cream Social

In addition to the above events, this year the Theta Chapter created an 'Ice Cream Social' event for our Rho Chi members, in order to (1) celebrate their being part of this prestigious organization and (2) thank them for the dedication and hard work they have put in for the Rho Chi organization. During this event, 36 of our student Rho Chi members were treated to a selection of ice creams and various toppings. Additionally, we provided our members a Rho Chi Theta Chapter lunch box, which displayed our Rho Chi logo and key pin, an item they can use as they move on to their Advance Practice Pharmacy rotations. Our members were also gifted a 'USC School of Pharmacy' post-it note booklet, another item they will be able to utilize on their rotations moving forward. Both the Rho Chi President, and Faculty Advisor, gave brief remarks recognizing the efforts of our membership, as well as thanking them for their service. After this, the members were free to enjoy their ice cream and collaborate with their fellow Rho Chi brothers for the duration of the lunch period.

Theta Chapter Members Stimulating Critical Inquiry to Advance Pharmacy

In addition to fostering collaboration amongst our members, and promoting the highest of ethical

standards, the Rho Chi Theta chapter also sought this year to recognize those of our members who has contributed significantly to stimulating critical inquiry in pharmacy. A prime example of this would be our own Director of Professional Projects, Miranda Wong, who was awarded the top honor at the USC School of Pharmacy Research Symposium. Miranda, along with her group, created a project entitled 'Impact of the Bedside Pharmacy Program on 30-Day Readmissions' which demonstrated that pharmacist involvement in transitions of care reduced overall 30 day readmissions in a sample of over 1800 patients. This was named the top project at the Research Symposium, granting her and her group the 'Alumni Board Award for Excellence in Scholarship.' Furthermore, our Theta Chapter member, Tanya Markary, and her team won third place at this Research Symposium, based on their presentation of the topic 'Use of TYPS Website with USC School of Pharmacy Pharmaceutics Students.'

In keeping with this theme, the Rho Chi President (Lena Haddad) and Historian (Marina Boulos) presented a Continuing Education (CE) Course at the California Pharmacists Association's Western Pharmacy Exchange Conference. During this time they presented the findings of their literature review paper, entitled 'The Gastrointestinal Microbiota and Type 2 Diabetes: An Overview of the effect of food, drugs, and pre-/probiotics on the GI bacteria in Individuals with Type 2 Diabetes', while educating a room full of pharmacists about this topic. There were over 50 pharmacists and pharmacy students in attendance of this CE presentation, which served to advance the pharmacists knowledge on this novel subject (something they could implement into their practice). Additionally, at this conference, Rho Chi member Naomi Quint presented another CE course entitled 'Cognitive Decline and Alzheimer's Disease: The Influence of Nutrition' which provided pharmacists necessary information about the relationship between Alzheimer's Disease, Cognitive Decline, and Nutrition. Again, over 50 pharmacists were in attendance of this course. Through these CE courses, our Rho Chi Theta Chapter members have demonstrated the importance of stimulating critical inquiry to advance pharmacy (through education of the current practicing pharmacists).

Additionally, each one of our Rho Chi members participated in Poster Presentations at various professional Pharmacy Conferences (ranging from the California Society of Health Systems Pharmacists (CSHP) Seminar, California Pharmacist Association (CPhA) Western Pharmacist Exchange, American Pharmacists Association (APhA), as well as the USC School of Pharmacy Research Symposium). These poster presentations not only highlight the extensive research completed by the members of our Theta chapter, but also the dedication of our chapter to educating pharmacists and pharmacy students about the current advances in pharmacy-related research. A great example of this would be our new member, Bijan Motamedi, who recently presented his research entitled 'Global Regulatory Dissonance: Examining How FDA and EMA Approach Product Labeling of New Drugs' at the 2018 American Pharmacists Association (APhA) National Conference. Bijan will also be presenting this topic at the Drug Information Association (DIA) National Meeting in Boston this upcoming June. Please find below a table containing the extensive scope of research projects our current Rho Chi Theta Chapter members have presented at a Professional Pharmacy Conference and/or the USC School of Pharmacy Research Symposium this past academic year.

Rho Chi Theta Chapter Member/

Title of Research Project

Jannet Cardin

'The Role of Specialty Pharmacists in Bridging the Communication Gap Between Prescribers

and Patients with Regards to Medication Compliance’

Natasha Laux

‘Safety and Efficacy Profiles of PCSK9 inhibitors’

Miranda Wong

‘Alvimopan Drug Utilization Evaluation’

Lilia Earnest and Sadaf Abrishami

‘Observational Study of Post-Operative Monitoring of Patients Undergoing Sex Reassignment Surgery at a Los Angeles Community Hospital’

Naomi Quint

‘Cognitive Decline and Alzheimer's Disease: The Influence of Nutrition’

Lena Haddad and Marina Boulos

‘The Gastro-Intestinal Microbiota and Type 2 Diabetes: An Overview of the Effect of Drugs, Food, and Pre/Probiotics on the GI Bacteria in Individuals with Type 2 Diabetes’

Garine Tomassian and Nicole Kleinman

‘Predicting and Promoting Academic Success in the First-Year Pharm.D Curriculum’

Devin Panlasigui and Tiffany Hwang

‘Factors Impacting Acceptance into Pharmacy Post-Graduate Training Programs’

Kim Tran

‘The Impact of Emotional Intelligence on Academic Performance for Pharmacy Students at the University of Southern California’

Elven Xiao

‘Evaluating the Effectiveness of Antimicrobial Stewardship Programs’

Nina Hwang

‘Immunomodulatory Effects of Antibiotics Ex-vivo on Host Innate Immunity Against Staphylococcus’

Harrison Tu and Jeemeng Lao

‘Determining the Association of Body Fat Percentage and Abnormal Blood Glucose in Asian Populations’

Heesoo Kim

‘Impact of Advocate Care Program on Follow-Up Care of Homeless Population’

Anthony Sophonsri

‘Medication-Related Problems Identified During Medication Reconciliation in a Student Run Clinic’

Miranda Wong

‘Impact of Bedside Pharmacy Program on 30-Day Readmissions’

Ellen Lee and Darren Kulischak

‘Pharmacy Student-Run Osteoporosis Screening and Education Services for Underserved Communities’

Alanah Bell

‘Over the Counter Medication Labeling: OTC Medication Safety and the Impact of Drug Label Modifications’

Thanh Vu

Identifying Gaps in Education Regarding Over-the-Counter Treatment of Pain Management in Los Angeles County’

Amanda Beker and Alis Bogumian

‘Analysis of Varying Factors Affecting Medication Waste in Elderly and Its Economic Impact;

Eunice Kim

‘Narcotic Removals and Tracking Systems in Kaiser Permanente South Bay Medical Center’

Sarah Abulkalam

‘The Effects of Intermittent Fasting Diet in Type 2 Diabetes Patients’

Eun Bi Na and Ellen Lee

‘Impact of a Pharmacy Internship: A Literature Review’

Nina Wang

‘The Impact of a Peer Mentorship Program on Pharmacy Students at University of Southern California School of Pharmacy’

Tanya Markary

‘Use of TYPS website with USC School of Pharmacy Pharmaceutics Students’

Eric Chou and Kathleen Feng

‘Evaluation of Epidemiology, Risk Factors, and Outcomes of Candidemia in Medical Underserved Population’

Sean Bonnell

‘Efficacy, Safety, and Impact of Extended Interval Dosing vs. Intermittent Dosing of Zosyn (Piperacillin-Tazobactam) in Critically Ill’

SeongHee Choi and Lydia Tusakul

‘Will Getting the Tdap Vaccine During Pregnancy Decrease the Incidence of Hospitalization due to Pertussis?’

David Lee

‘Assessment of Diabetes Knowledge in High-Risk Participants in a Free Pharmacy Student-Run Clinic’

Financial Budgeting

The budget was set by the Treasurer with guidance from the President during the summer. The Treasurer balanced the budget to ensure that the chapter would be able to support its various programs, as well as the launch of our new programs and events. Additionally, the treasurer revised the budget various times throughout the year to account for changes. The Treasurer also requested and received funding from the school’s Associated Students of the School of Pharmacy (ASSP) and the Dean’s Subsidy. .

The Treasurer held various fundraisers this academic year to create more cash inflow. The Rho Chi IPPE-APPE Guide to Success was sold during the Spring semester, and generated a good revenue. The other traditional fundraiser of selling review packets for various P1 and P2 midterms was also conducted at various points in the school year. Rho Chi forewent the ‘Fundraising Week’ to focus on the sale of our Group Review Session Packets and IPPE/APPE Guide to Success (which generate a far greater revenue than the ‘Fundraising Week’).

Activity/Description	Amount Credited	Amount Debited	Balance	Comments
Starting balance			\$6,268.52	Balance from last year

Rho Chi Member Appreciation Gifts		\$287.23	\$5,981.29	Rho Chi Thermoses
Summer Retreat		\$317.00	\$5,664.29	Lunch and Escape Room activity
Board Polo Shirts		\$91.77	\$5,572.52	6 polo shirts purchased
Website Fees		\$69.17	\$5,503.35	Renewal for Rho Chi website
Pharmacy Practice Review Packets	\$785.00		\$6,288.35	Fundraising
Biosystems I Midterm 1 Review Packets	\$414.00		\$6,702.35	Fundraising
PK Review Packets	\$205.00		\$6,907.35	Fundraising
Biosystems I Midterm 2 Review Packets	\$415.00		\$7,322.35	Fundraising
Cardiology Patient Speaker Series		\$300.67	\$7,021.68	Speaker gifts and lunch - Dean Subsidy
Biosystems II Review Packets	\$240.00		\$7,261.68	Fundraising
New Member Welcome Gifts		\$427.40	\$6,834.28	Rho Chi Lunch Boxes
CCH Training and Presentation #1		\$59.86	\$6,774.42	Dean subsidy

Infectious Disease Patient Speaker Series		\$176.85	\$6,597.57	Speaker gifts and lunch - Dean Subsidy
IPPE/APPE Guides to Success		\$1,129.22	\$5,468.35	Printing Fees
IPPE/APPE Guides to Success	\$740.00		\$6,208.35	Fundraising Sales (purchased by Individual Students)
IPPE/APPE Guides to Success	\$1470.00 *		\$6,208.35	Fundraising Sales (purchased by USC School of Pharmacy) *Pending - not included in final balance Check to be given to Rho Chi in June of 2018
CCH Training and Presentation #2		\$52.77	\$6,155.58	Dean Subsidy
Mentor-Mentee Mixer Mentor Gifts		\$270.00	\$5,885.58	Rho Chi letter openers
Initiation Banquet deposit		\$300.00	\$5,585.58	Luminarias restaurant
New Member Dues (Class of 2020)	\$5,780.00		\$11,365.58	Membership dues
National Office New Member Fees (Class of 2020)		\$2,470.00	\$8,895.58	38 new student members
Initiation Banquet		\$1,953.74	\$6,941.84	Luminarias Food & Venue

Honor Cords		\$537.50	\$6,404.34	43 cords ordered
Graduation Stoles		\$1,425.15	\$4,979.19	43 stoles ordered
Banquet No Shows/Guests	\$630.00		\$5,609.19	Initiation Fee
Banquet Gifts for Advisors and Speakers		\$258.04	\$5,351.15	Japanese Whiskey for our Faculty Advisor and a \$50 Visa Gift-Card for our Speaker
Banquet Decorations and Gifts		\$133.14	\$5,218.01	Candles, ribbons and 6 bottles of red wine for each of faculty member in attendance
Rho Chi Member Appreciation Ice Cream Social		\$73.88	\$5,144.13	Ice cream and toppings
Dean Subsidy Reimbursements	\$590.15		\$5,734.28	Dean Subsidy Reimbursement
Ending Balance			\$5,734.28	*Remaining \$1,470 will be added in June

Installation Function

The 2018 Initiation Banquet for the Theta Chapter was held at Luminarias in Monterey Park, CA on Saturday, April 1, 2017. Newly initiated members, faculty advisors, current board members, preceptors for Weingart Center Presentations, Associate Deans of the School of Pharmacy, and administrative faculty attended the event. Our guest speaker was Dr. Fred Weissman, Pharm.D, J.D, our Rho Chi Honor Roll Inductee for 2017.

The program began with a short introduction by the chapter President, Lena Haddad. Lunch and

a slideshow followed. The slideshow, created by the chapter Historian, Marina Boulos, recapped the past year's events for the audience. The chapter then introduced the guest speaker, Dr. Fred Weissman, as well as recognized faculty advisors for their continuing support. The Rho Chi Academic Excellence Award was presented to a new initiate, and upcoming Rho Chi President, Matia Saeedian, for achieving the highest standard of academic excellence in the Class of 2020. The initiation ceremony followed and proceeded according to the Rho Chi Society specifications. Following the initial ritual, the new board was installed. The new board took an oath to maintain the Rho Chi bylaws and duties of their office. The incoming president, Matia Saeedian, gave a speech regarding his plans for next year, and excitement to be able to take on this prestigious position. The banquet was concluded by a speech from our faculty advisor, Dr. Michael Wincor.

Evaluation/Reflection

The Theta Chapter of the Rho Chi Society always strives to promote events and opportunities aligning with our Mission and Vision Statements. Our goals for the 2017-2018 year, were to create new events and programs highlighting Rho Chi's commitment to fostering collaboration among our membership, expand our group review sessions, completely revamp our website, create a new student supplement to replace the Trade-Generic Handbook, generate a 'Professionalism Rubric,' and highlight the achievements of our members (particularly in stimulating critical inquiry to advance the profession of pharmacy). Although quite an extensive list, we are very excited to report that we have successfully achieved each of these goals. This year we strove to overhaul all events and activities put-on by the Rho Chi Society, to ensure they were both consistent with this organization mission and beneficial to our membership. In doing this, we found ourselves parting ways with the National Alliance on Mental Illness Seminar and other mental health related events, which were given to the USC Chapter of the College of Psychiatric and Neurologic Pharmacists (CPNP). Although quite a loss, we were able to create events and programs better aligning with our Mission as an organization. A primary example of this is the development of the Patient Speakers Series event described above. This event gave Rho Chi members, as well as the large number of other USC students, the opportunity to learn about the patient perspective of a variety of diseases (ranging from cardiovascular maladies to HIV). This event truly highlighted the importance of committing to the highest of ethical standards when dealing with patients in the clinical setting. We received a great deal of positive feedback from this event, from faculty and students alike. Additionally, this year we were able to successfully launch the 'Rho Chi Mentorship Program,' which allowed us to connect our accomplished Rho Chi Alumni with student Rho Chi Members (who have similar interests as the Alumni). Truly in theme with the Rho Chi Mission of 'Fostering Collaboration,' this program drew a huge amount of praise from our student membership-as well as the Rho Chi Alumni who were very excited to be a part of a program supporting young Rho Chi members about to start the next steps of their careers in pharmacy.

To further embody Rho Chi's dedication to contributing to the development of intellectual leaders, we expanded both our Group Review Sessions and Individual Tutoring Program to serve P2 classes (in addition to P1 classes, as was solely covered in years past). Through these group review sessions, we were able to provide review of critical material for over 180 P1 and P2 students. A number of P2 students, in particular, were very grateful to be able to receive tutoring

for difficult Therapeutics Courses, where there was no tutoring offered before. In this same theme, we upgraded what was the Rho Chi Trade-Generic Handbook (a small booklet containing only the trade/generic names/therapeutic class of the Top 200 drugs in 2017) with the Rho Chi IPPE/APPE Guide to Success. This far improved booklet, which was sold to the USC School of Pharmacy students for a reasonable fee, was extremely well received by students. In fact, we sold out of our initial copies of the booklet within 10 minutes of the start of sale. This is something we are extremely proud of, and know that the tradition of the Rho Chi IPPE/APPE Guide to Success will be carried for years to come. Finally, in order to thank our members for their help with all the above mentioned events and programs, to recognize their continued dedication to this organization, and to further fostering collaboration among our members, we hosted a Membership Appreciation Ice Cream Social. Here we recognized the individuals who have contributed the most time and effort to this organization, and gifted all Rho Chi Members a Rho Chi lunch box (that they can proudly brandish as they move on to their Advanced Pharmacy Practice rotations).

Upcoming changes to the Theta Chapter will include improvement and expansion on the Group Review Sessions, as well as introduction of further events to foster collaboration within our own membership. With all of the changes to Rho Chi events and programs, we are very excited to see how the new Rho Chi Executive board will continue to innovate and bring new ideas to this organization in this coming year. As lifelong members of the Rho Chi Society, we will continue to promote the highest of ethical standards, stimulate critical inquiry through research, and be the intellectual leaders this organization always seeks to promote and recognize.

Other Information

This year, instead of simply updating our Rho Chi website as in years past, our Theta Chapter Historian and President completely upgraded the website in appearance and improved both usability and features. This upgraded website (which can be viewed at <http://www.uscrhochi.org>) has been completely updated in appearance, better reflecting the high standards and excellency associated with this organization. Furthermore, the addition of a 'Frequently Asked Questions' page allowed students to more easily get answers to the questions very frequently asked about this organization. In this theme, the addition of a 'Contact Us' page allowed those with direct concerns and questions to very easily input their messages and send them to us, through direct linking with the Rho Chi Theta Chapter email (allowing the very efficient communication between Rho Chi and the student body). Additionally, we created a separate page for the 'Individual Tutoring' which allowed those students who are interested in the program to get more information on the program, and directly get in contact with our Director of Tutoring Services (Dr. Maryann Wu). The complete overhaul of this website has generated a lot of positive feedback—to such a degree that the Director of Assessment at the USC School of Pharmacy informed us that they modeled the Supplemental Instruction Website after our Rho Chi website.