

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: Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine- GA Campus

Chapter Name & region: Epsilon Delta Region III – Southeastern

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Introduction

This year, the Epsilon Delta Chapter has strived, through multiple events, to engage with the students, faculty, and the community to further all the tenants of Rho Chi including recognition of achievement, stimulation of critical inquiry in pharmacy, leadership development, high ethical standards, and interclub collaboration.

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

Date	Attendance	Agenda	Action Steps
2017-11-01	19	Initial Welcome Meeting: o Welcoming & transitioning the new officers o Ordering regalia for Class of 2018 o National meeting o Service project ideas	o Organized previous year's documents & reviewed the current status of banking account o Sending President to national meeting o Discussed and listed possible fundraising and volunteer opportunities o Fundraiser: Schlotszky's Deli on 3/7 from 4-9pm at 2941 Lawrenceville Suwanee Road Suwanee, GA
2018-03-14	5	Executive Board Meeting: Service Project Update	o Hosting graduate luncheon for graduates (4/26/17) o Recapped on information obtained from the national meeting o Service Projects – o Sharp's Exchange 3/28 o Opioid awareness lecture 3/30 o Graduation Banquet 4/26 o DEA Drug Take Back 4/28 o Sharp's

Exchange 5/10

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

Our main goal for this year was to develop our chapter's outreach to both our fellow students and the general community. We did so by utilizing our chapter's connections with both the school and pharmacy professionals to participate in activities taking place both in and outside our campus. We also elected to engage with our school's tutoring program, which aids 1st and 2nd year students with their studies. Overall, our Chapter was able to conduct a fundraiser, change the academic curriculum for 1st year students, host a lecturer, coordinate with local police on DEA drug take back day, and host three sharp's exchanges in multiple locations in the community. We hope for our Chapter to continue these projects and implement new activities and ideas in the coming years.

Activities

Epsilon Delta hosted a fundraiser on March 7th, 2018 to help fund future Rho Chi activities that were planned. This activity was held at at Schlotzsky's on Lawrenceville Suwanee Road from 4:00pm – 9:00pm and was open to the entire school. Many of our own Rho Chi members came to support the fundraiser, along with friends and classmates. We ended up raising a total of \$40.00 from the event that was put to use in future activities.

For our commitment to public outreach and enrichment of the community, we held our first sharps container exchange event at Strickland Family Medicine Center on March 28th, 2018, from 9:00am to 12:00pm. For this event, we provided sharps containers for those who needed them for proper disposal of medical sharps waste, and we also took and disposed of any full sharps containers that they had brought in to us. This event is an effort to give patients the means to properly dispose of their medical sharps waste, as well as keep used syringes from entering and negatively impacting the community.

Our Chapter also held another sharps exchange event on 4/28 in conjunction with GA-PCOM's APhA chapter and the Snellville Police Department during the national DEA drug take-back day. At this event, we ensured that any sharps waste that was turned in at the police department was properly disposed of with the assistance of sharps containers provided by Rho Chi. There were also many citizens which had sharps containers with no avenue for disposal. We were able to take those full containers out of the public as well.

There was an additional sharps container event held on May 10th, 2018 at the Good News Clinic in Gainesville, GA. This event was much like the one held at the Strickland Family Medicine Center, where many patients were encouraged to bring in their full sharps container and were given an empty sharps container if they required one for disposing of their medical sharps.

Our Chapter has also upheld our strategic plan to develop our outreach to fellow students by adapting the first-year student's academic curriculum with a 2-hour lecture on March 30th concerning the opioid epidemic. The Chapter President coordinated with professors from multiple programs to invite a grassroots organization called GA Overdose Prevention to visit our campus and lectured all the first year PharmD, DO, and PA students as part of their interprofessional educational class curriculum. This lecture covered issues surrounding opioid abuse and misuse such as how to detect an overdose, the legal aspects surrounding this issue, and how to administer Naloxone overdose kits. With the coordination of the many programs, she has voiced her interest in continuing to come lecture at our campus in the future.

Additionally, another lecture was given later that afternoon for all interested upperclassmen from the various programs. This was the same lecture given by the GA Overdose Prevention covering the multiple aspects of this epidemic. This lecture was in coordination with the Student Government Association through their interprofessional development committee which provided food and beverages for attendees.

A luncheon was held for the graduating class of 2018 Rho Chi members, to honor their achievement of being a part of Rho Chi and for finishing their final year at GA-PCOM. This banquet was held at GA-PCOM during the lunch hour from 12:00pm – 1:00pm where the advisor and assistant dean Dr. Lee spoke about the greatness of our 2018 graduating members of Rho Chi, and where the President and Vice President of Rho Chi (Wesley Fischer and Christopher Moses) passed out the regalia and took photos with the 2018 members.

All the aforementioned activities other than the graduation banquet were new initiatives from the 2017-2018 Epsilon Delta Rho Chi Executive Board. The sharps container exchanges will be ongoing programs that will continue to allow Rho Chi to serve the community going forward.

Financial Budgeting

Our budget for 2018-2019 year was acquired from the previous year's board, which totaled up to \$1211.99. We added \$1092.50 from student fees and graduation regalia. We added \$40 from a fundraiser. We subtracted the costs of the regalia for both the 2018 and 2019 graduating classes (\$1425), we determined a final budget for the year of \$919.49.

Appendix 2

Rho Chi Chapter Annual Report

ITEM	Amount Debited (\$\$ spent)	Amount Credited (\$\$ raised)	Balance	Comment
Initial Balance		\$1,211.99	\$1211.99	Balance from last year
New Member Dues		\$1092.50	\$2304.49	
Fundraising Event		\$40.00	\$2344.49	
Medallion & Honor Cords	\$750.00		\$1594.49	
Money Order Service Charge	\$3.00		\$1591.49	
APHA Annual Parking Fee	\$15.00		\$1576.49	
2x10 Sharp's Containers	\$84.68		\$1491.81	
Ending Balance			\$1491.81	

Installation Function

The Rho Chi initiation ceremony took place at the 1818 Club at 6500 Sugarloaf Parkway, Duluth GA. It took place on October 4, 2017 at 6:00 PM. Current members of Rho Chi (P4), outgoing officers and faculty were present at the ceremony. The program started with a welcome speech by the Immediate past President Chelsea Perry, Interim Dean and Advisor for Epsilon Delta Chapter, Dr. Michael Lee, and Rho Chi member Dr. Brent Rollins. Dr. Lee spoke of the history, tradition and purpose of Rho Chi and conducted the initiation of 19 members and an Oath was taken. Dr. Rollins gave an inspirational speech congratulating us but warning us to not rest on our laurels. After eating dinner, Dr. Lee made a conclusive speech and photos of the members were taken.

Evaluation/Reflection

The activities for the 2017-2018 year of Rho Chi were an overall positive impact on the school and community. For the fundraiser, most members of Rho Chi were in attendance and helped to make the event a success. In the future, it may be prudent to allow more time and greater advertisement to gain more donations toward Rho Chi. For the sharps exchange events, Epsilon Delta Rho Chi Vice President Christopher Moses was the creator and main proponent. It was his work that paved the road to the success for these events, and he has left that road open for future Rho Chi members to traverse down, so that they may continue to fulfill the Rho Chi strategic plan to serve the community. Christopher Moses was in attendance for every sharps exchange event, and Wesley Fischer was in attendance for the one's held at Strickland Family Medicine Center as well as at Good News Clinic. The opioid overdose lecture was well received by the first year students. The success of this program was due to the efforts to the President Wesley Fischer by contacting the organization for the lecture and coordinating with faculty and the various student government organizations to provide a location and refreshments. We believe that this event will continue to be integral to the education of future medical professionals and will be a boon to the community that these professionals service.

Other Information

None

Most Improved Chapter Award

Submission of activities table below.

Appendix 1

Chapter Activities Report Template

[Epsilon Delta, PCOM-GA] 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...	How Many Members Participated in the Activity?	How Many non-members were impacted by the Activity?	Financial Information for the Activity
Intellectual Leadership Activities (i.e., tutoring, sponsored lectures, poster sessions, etc.)	Enhancing Interprofessional Education Class with Opioid Epidemic Lecture	Our Chapter worked with faculty to adapt the academic curriculum with a 2 hour lecture on March 30th concerning the opioid epidemic. A grassroots organization called GA Overdose Prevention come to campus and lectured all the first year PharmD, DO, and PA students as part of their interprofessional educational class. This lecture covered issues surrounding opioid abuse and misuse. Afterwards, the guest lecturer has voiced her interest in continuing to come lecture at our campus in the future.	This aligns with the mission statement by promoting the stimulation of critical inquiry.	This is the first time and first year that this program has been done.	N/A	1 (Wesley Fischer)	225 students	N/A
Intellectual Leadership Activities (i.e., tutoring, sponsored lectures, poster sessions, etc.)	Upperclassmen Opioid Epidemic Lecture	A lecture was given for all interested upperclassmen from the various programs. This was the same lecture given by the GA Overdose Prevention covering the multiple aspects of this epidemic. This lecture was in coordination with the Student Government Association through their interprofessional development committee which provided food and beverages for attendees.	This aligns with the mission statement by promoting the stimulation of critical inquiry and interclub collaboration.	This is the first time and first year that this program has been done.	N/A	1 (Wesley Fischer)	50	N/A

College of Pharmacy Events [non-academic, non-patient outreach]	Class of 2018 Rho Chi Banquet	This event was to recognize the achievement of Rho Chi members of 2018 on their upcoming graduation by handing them their regalia.	This event directly reflects the mission by recognizing achievement.	This is the third year for this activity.	This event is evaluated by Rho Chi members, and any input is assessed for next year's banquet.	20, 15 from the class of 2018, and the 5 Executive Board members from the class of 2019	All 20 students were impacted by the event, some with honors, and all with the provided luncheon.	The cost for this event was covered by our Student Affairs office in recognition for the achievements of our graduating class.
Patient Outreach Events/ Community Service	Sharps Exchange at Strickland Family Medicine Center	Sharps containers were exchanged with patients to give them a means to properly dispose of medical sharps waste. This activity helped the community properly dispose of their medical waste. This helps to promote a culture of safety by helping to diminish the availability of used syringes and lessen the ability for pathogen transfer.	This activity aligns with the mission statement of leadership due to it being a brand new activity which was ran and was planned by the Rho Chi members.	This is the first time and first year that this program has been done.	N/A	2 (Wesley Fischer and Christopher Moses)	Six patients were directly impacted by this activity.	The sharps containers used were in part purchased by Rho Chi and also donated by BD Medical. \$86.00 was spent total for all sharps containers, however not all were used in this activity.
Patient Outreach Events/ Community Service	Sharps Exchange at DEA Take-back Day	Sharps containers and loose syringes were taken at the DEA take-back day at Snellville Police Department.	See above for leadership development. It also met the mission of interclub collaboration as we collaborated with APhA for the DEA drug take-back day.	This is the second time this year the program has been done.	N/A	1 (Christopher Moses)	Multiple patients were impacted. There were 7 full sharps containers taken, and two empty ones filled with loose syringes mixed in with medications	See above

							taken back.	
Patient Outreach Events/ Community Service	Sharp Exchange at Good News Clinic	Sharps containers were exchanged with patients to give them a means to properly dispose of medical sharps waste.	See above for mission of leadership development.	This is the third time this year the program has been done.	N/A	2 (Wesley Fischer and Christopher Moses)	Six patients were directly impacted by this activity.	See above
Fundraising Events	Schlotsky's Deli Fundraiser	We held a fundraiser on March 7th, 2018 at Schlotsky's Deli raising a total of \$40.00 from the event that was put to use in future activities.	This activity upholds ethical standards by ensuring that our projects are being funded to diminish the overall costs of these and other activities.	This is the first time and first year that this program has been done.	N/A	15	All current and future Rho Chi members were impacted by the funds which were raised.	Raised \$40.00 total.